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Convention Rally

FROM eastern hill and northern sky
Eager comes a clarion cry:
Awake! The rally-time is nigh!
Greeting, O our sisters!
A greeting to our sisters!
The western slopes and midland plain
Hear the jubilant refrain:
Yea, rally-time is here again.
We come, we come, our sisters!
See where we come, our sisters!

What gifts, what gifts to deck the day?
Everyone who comes must pay,
And she who would give double, may.
What gifts, what gifts, our sisters?
What generous gifts, our sisters?
We bring our records neatly spelled,
Honors that our hands have held,
And rivalries with courage quelled.
'Tis not enough, our sisters!
What else bring ye, our sisters?

We bring our strength, for service fain,
Memory of bitter pain,
The ghost of pride ourselves have slain.
A worthy gift, our sisters!
Thrice worthy gift, our sisters!
And yet we bring far more in fee.
Our heart-strings for your minstrelsy,
Ourselves for our fraternity!
Then welcome, O our sisters!
Welcome again, our sisters!
Welcome for aye, dear sisters!

A. F. POTTS



"THE ARRAIGNMENT OF PARIS" AN ELIZABETHAN DRAMA ACTED BEFORE THE QUEEN

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THE KITE'S STRING

Near the centre of a great forest was a level grassy plot where the sun shone every day. Here children played about in the bright light, growing strong and able before it should come their turn to go into the dense wood about them. For many of the children were to cut new paths, or traveling a little way swiftly over the path another had made, were to cut further into the unknown dark.

Now among these children were many beautiful women, leading and teaching, some with crescents and other emblems of virtue on their heads, some bearing mottoes. One rarely beautiful, white-robed maiden with a crown of golden hair, wore a black band over her left shoulder and in her hand she held firmly a golden string. Her eyes were raised toward the end of the cord far above her. About her were many children. Some were serious and studied the grasses at their feet. Others were merry and danced and sang. But each would look sometimes to the radiant maid and then eyes would follow with hers up to the golden string. And at the end of the cord above her something shown brightly, but they knew not what.

At last there came a day when the beautiful maiden gathered her children close about her. From beneath the black band over her breast, she drew many golden strings and as many golden kites. The hand of each she closed about a string and gently she showed them the kites that were theirs. Each was strong with faith. Hope carried each upward almost pulling the children off their feet. Each was bright with their love for one another. Many things she showed them and told them. Some they understood, some they could not yet understand.

And now they looked again far above her and they knew the

wondrous brightness was the kite she held, and they asked her, "Why is your kite so brilliant we can not see it? Ours are bright but they do not dazzle so." And the beautiful maiden, covered about with the radiance, told the children, "Our kites will take up all the goodness in the world they shine upon, and all this will become love and the love shines down for us. The higher the kites fly, the more of the wonderful world that is good they shine upon. More goodness becomes love and shines for us." Then she showed them that each golden string was very long.

One little girl on hearing this, anxious for the wonderful light, loosed the string about her hand and let it out, watching her kite sail up, up and growing Oh, so bright! But in a moment it was pulling so she could not hold. She cried aloud. The radiant, watchful maiden caught the cord and drawing it down where the winds of the world could not carry the kite too fast, again closed the child's hand upon it. She smiled tenderly and said, "Hope, little one, but not so fast that you can not hold."

So the other children knew they must grow strong to hold before the kites might fly higher and shining out over the whole world find the much good and send down its loving brightness.

Day after day they played together and worked and sang. And when the time came for some to go and make their way through the dark forest, many hearts wept bitterly to leave their happy playmates in the sunshine and more bitterly to leave their beautiful kites. How little they knew! When the radiant maid heard them weeping, she came to them. "Do not leave your kites," she said, "they have shone and made you happy here, but there where you are going they will help, yes, even more."

But some looked at the tall trees and feared lest the golden cord might break. And some feared lest it become entangled in the branches and hold them back. So these gave back their kites to the sorrowing maiden. Others, likewise fearing, drew down their kites and fastened them close with the love they had gathered that they might keep this much to brighten their dark way. One hearkened to the rarely beautiful maiden and gently, slowly loosening her cord, let the kite fly up over the dark trees. And below where the kite

shone the forest grew bright. The path was easy to cut out and she sang the songs the beautiful maiden had taught her as she made her way. After a time the forest grew darker, the branches closely interwoven often caught the cord. Patiently she sought the bough that caused the trouble, cut it away, untangled the string. At last the way was clearer and she was stronger.

But here she began to find other people in the wood, some who needed her, some she came to need. No longer was she alone and free to hold her kite. Tightly as she could she wound the string around her wrist and took up the work about her. Helping others she cut away the brush that blocked them, and all her time and effort was given to making comfort. Little folk she found clinging to her guiding hands and her days were very busy.

At last even the thought of the kite and its shining light was crowded out, for it seemed so many had need of her. Many had been lifted safely over the rough places. Many had been taught to cut away the entangling twigs in the dense forest. Many had sung with her on the way. Many had found joy in walking near her. Why, she guessed not. And at last the open country where the stars shine sweetly was reached. Again, alone and quiet, she sat upon the soft earth and laid her head upon her arm. And she thought of all whom she had met in the forest and she smiled, for she had found them good. And then, thinking backward, she remembered the bright play ground of long ago, the radiant maiden and the wondrous kite she gave. Her kite! She started. The kite that had made bright her entry into the dark forest. Her kite she had so often stopped to disentangle. Her kite she had watched and held all those first long hard days in the forest. With a hurt in her heart she wondered where now was her kite and she looked at the wrist she had long been too busy to think of, where the cord used to be closely wrapped. A single golden string lay about it. Gently it slipped and tightened. The end had caught and knotted itself. Wondering, her eyes followed the string, up, up, up, and there in the midst of the star-lit sky was a golden kite, softly showering down upon her a wondrous radiance. Still wondering she closed her eyes. The hurt was gone now from her heart and she smiled happily as she slept.

Margaret Wheeler Cassady, Rho.

SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT IN CHAPTER AFFAIRS

Scientific management is the new phrase for the old principle of efficiency or securing the best results most economically in labor and expense. While considered mostly in the industrial world, it can be applied directly to our active chapters. One writer on the subject, Gilbreth, declares the great fundamental of scientific management to be time study, and this is universal in its application. Another authority, Harrington Emerson, names twelve principles of efficiency and the application of them to fraternity matters is easy in most instances. They are: 1, clearly defined ideals; 2, supernal common-sense; 3, competent counsel; 4, discipline; 5, a square deal; 6, records; 7, dispatching; 8, standards and schedules; 9, standardized conditions; 10, standardized operations; 11, written standard practice instructions; 12, efficiency reward.

In our chapters where the personnel changes entirely in four years and there is no one corresponding to an executive head who continues in office, special emphasis is needed on items 8, 9 and 10. Our new plan of electing officers from January to January, our uniform records, and the officers' manual are steps in the right direction. The principle should next be extended to committee work. The experience gained by one chairman should be recorded in such a way that future chairmen may profit by her blunders and also by her original ideas.

Scientific management applied to a chapter requires first, such a division of labor that no one will be burdened and that many will have responsibility with the ultimate responsibility culminating in the president. (This division and subdivision should be so clear that it could be represented on a chart); second, the election of officers according to their capabilities, that is selecting those who bring some experience to the office and who do not have to be educated at the sacrifice of the chapter's efficiency; third, conducting all financial matters in a businesslike method; fourth, seeking expert advice in all matters not entirely within undergraduate life; fifth,

and most important of all, it requires a sense of responsibility in each and every member of the chapter.

Scientific management can be put into operation within a chapter without sacrificing the originality or individuality of members, or without much extra work—in fact, in the end it will save work—and it will have the lasting benefit of training our undergraduates for efficiency in after years.

In terms of money, scientific management means determining the cost in advance instead of waiting for the bills to come in; in terms of labor it means time saving; in terms of brain effort it means foresight rather than hindsight; in terms of results it means success instead of might-have-beens.

Clara E. Fanning, Beta Alumnae.

SCIENTIFIC MANAGEMENT

You've all read, somewhere or other, the parable of the bricklayer: "A bricklayer used to lay 120 bricks in an hour. A man who studied the subject carefully prepared an adjustable table to be placed at the bricklayer's side, so that he wouldn't have to stoop, and had the bricks delivered on it in just the right position, so that the bricklayer wouldn't have to turn every brick right side up. The result is that the same bricklayer who laid only 120 bricks an hour under the old method now can lay 350 bricks in the same time without any more exertion."

This is a good example of what scientific management is doing in factories, stores, and offices everywhere, revolutionizing all kinds of work. Why not apply it to each and every branch of fraternity activity? Do away with the "hit or miss" system and see if at the end of the year you are not ahead financially as well as having better results all around.

As applied to chapter-house finances you might call it the "Budget system". Why not, instead of fondly hoping that you will have enough money to buy coal all winter and keep off starvation until spring, go scientifically and mathematically to work and find out how much it costs for these and all other items, then multiply, divide,

and subtract, and tax each member accordingly. Then live within the income thus imposed. It costs no more in the end, offers possibilities of practicing unlooked-for economies, and saves a vast deal of fretting and worry.

In connection with rushing you might call it "Rushing tactics". Give the girl with the best administrative faculty charge of it all,—let her appoint the most artistic member to attend to all table decorations for the year, the best culinary artist to look after the menus, the girl with the most dramatic ability to furnish all stunts and entertainments for the various parties, and so on, and see that the appointees are girls who are not already carrying sixteen hours of college work and holding arduous chapter offices.

In one chapter house, in the upstairs hall, every week there is posted a list of the rushees, and each active girl must sign up to call on so many rushees during the week. In this way no girl is overburdened with calls, and no rushee is overlooked. Then too, each rushee is in charge of a different girl for each party, who calls for her and takes her home. Thus there is no danger of any rushees not becoming acquainted with the entire chapter. The book-keeping for these enterprises is rather elaborate, but any girl with directive ability can easily plan it, and it pays in increased efficiency!

The subject of efficiency in chapter business has already been pretty thoroughly discussed, but if you haven't underclassmen as deputies for the various chapter offices now, the sooner you elect them the better. For there is no other way of having a uniformly efficient corps of officers.

Did you ever stop to think that the alumna, who has had her four years of college experience (and some since) might be as able to give effectual aid in the conduct of all kinds of chapter business as the last years' freshman? And possibly she's yearning with all her might to mix in some of it, the rushing for instance! Don't you suppose she could give you valuable suggestions as to the most effective ways of procedure in many cases? Remember, she helped to get you into the fraternity, possibly she can help *you* to get Somebody Else! Then too, she can always recollect with extra clearness the fatal mistakes made in the past—and surely it is efficient not to

make the same mistakes twice! But one thing I beg you to keep clearly in mind, your alumna in all probability is not consumed with a desire to do all the dishwashing after the rushing feasts—that is not her function, she's served her day in that capacity, and then it would never do to treat your elders so! However it isn't by added physical work that extra efficiency is gained, it's by brain work! For the new definition of efficiency is, the abolishment of unnecessary and misdirected effort to obtain a desired end.

Katharine Cline, Tau Alumnae.

KAPPA ALPHA THETA IN PHI BETA KAPPA AND SIGMA XI

Scholarship must be given high rank among those elements which serve to form the ideal Kappa Alpha Theta. Yet scholarship alone is not enough, for honors gained at the sacrifice of development along other lines are of little use. The real purpose of education must be to fit for the service of humanity, and to this end, the social and religious sides of our natures must be developed also. While we are proud that our records show so great a number who are members of the two great scholarship fraternities, Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi, we do not forget the honor due to the many whose names are not on these rolls, who nevertheless rank among our most cultured and useful members.

Phi Beta Kappa, the oldest and largest of these fraternities, was founded December 5, 1776, at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia. Originally it was not the intention that women should be admitted, but, with the growth of the higher education of women, fidelity to the test of scholarship demanded that they be received.

Sigma Xi was founded at Cornell University in November, 1886. It was the intention of the founders to establish, in scientific and technical colleges, a society which should signify the same merit in scholarship as Phi Beta Kappa among classical students. Its object is to encourage original investigation in science.

The following reports have been made, as to the number from each chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, who have been elected to membership in Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Xi.

	Phi Beta Kappa	Sigma Xi
Iota—Cornell University	25	11
Lambda—University of Vermont	54	..
Alpha Beta—Swarthmore College	3	..
Alpha Delta—Goucher College	1	..
Alpha—DePauw University	32	..
Beta—Indiana State University	8	..
Alpha Eta—Vanderbilt University	24	..
Mu—Allegheny College	11	..
Kappa—University of Kansas	18	..
Rho—University of Nebraska	17	1
Phi—Stanford University	19	1
Omega—University of California	9	..
Delta—University of Illinois	13	..

The chapters at Toronto, Adelphi, Butler, Wooster, Washington (St. Louis), Missouri, Oklahoma, Washington, Montana, Oregon, North Dakota and South Dakota report that there are no chapters of Phi Beta Kappa or Sigma Xi in these institutions. No reports were received from the chapters at Syracuse, Barnard, Michigan, Ohio State, Northwestern, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Texas.

The Phi Beta Kappa record of Lambda, University of Vermont, dates from the year 1875 and extends to 1912. Comparatively few years are omitted in the list.

Women were admitted to Phi Beta Kappa at DePauw in 1898. In some institutions the honor of membership has been bestowed on graduates of years before the establishment of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter. This has not been done at DePauw.

Phi Beta Kappa was installed at Indiana University in 1911. Three of the number given were elected from alumnae of years preceding the installation of the Phi Beta Kappa chapter.

Only a few from these numbers may here be given special mention.

Anna Botsford Comstock (Mrs. J. H.) has attained distinction as a natural history artist and wood-engraver. After her graduation at Cornell university in 1878, she studied art at Cooper union under John P. Davis. She has exhibited at the Chicago exposition, 1893,

the Paris exposition, 1900, and received a bronze medal for wood engraving at the Buffalo exposition, 1901. In 1899, Mrs. Comstock was assistant professor of the Cornell extension work in nature study, and from 1899 to 1900 a lecturer in Stanford university extension work. At present she is a lecturer in nature study at Cornell university. Mrs. Comstock has been honored with membership in the Society of American wood-engravers. Her books on nature study and her novel, *Confessions to a heathen idol*, have made her distinguished as an author.

Mrs. Jessie Wright Whitcomb '84, is one of Lambda's most famous members, as she is a very skillful lawyer, as well as an author of some note.

Miss Clara Colburne '88, Lambda, as head of Rowland hall, Salt Lake City, is a well known educator.

Mabel Brownell has attained great success in Young Women's Christian association work in New York and Hartford, Connecticut. Six members from Lambda have continued academic work and taken higher degrees.

Miss Ellen Pyle, a charter member of Alpha Beta, taught at George school 1896-98, and in 1899 received her M. A. from Columbia university. Her present address is London Grove, Pennsylvania.

Caroline Sargent Walter (Mrs. Wm.), Alpha Beta '94, was from 1894-97 a teacher in St. Paul's high school. From 1895-97, Mrs. Walter was Grand secretary of Kappa Alpha Theta, 1897-9 Grand president, and 1903-5, a member of the Advisory board of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Carolyn K. Smedley, Alpha Beta '12, is distinguished as holder of the Lucretia Mott fellowship. She is at present studying medicine in the University of California.

Mary Towne Lockwood (Mrs. Will) Alpha '99, is the wife of the General secretary of the Chinese Young Men's Christian association, at Shanghai, China. She has proved a valuable assistant to her husband in his work.

Helen Gaile Jones, Alpha '00, received her M. A. from the University of Kansas and is now Instructor in German in that institution.

Ruth Baker, former instructor in German at Baker university,

Baldwin, Kansas, is at present spending a year studying in Germany.

Mabelle Wright, Alpha '11, is spending a year in Berlin, studying music and German. She has been honored by being selected as one of the pupils of Madame Stepanoff, the celebrated piano teacher.

Margaret Landrum, Alpha '04, has charge of the normal department in the Methodist girls' school at Mornabad, India.

Roberta Dubois, Alpha Eta '04, has the distinction of being the first to receive the Founders' medal at Vanderbilt. This is awarded to the student who has made the highest average in each of the four college years. Miss Dubois is now one of the traveling secretaries of the Young Women's Christian association. Four members of Kappa Alpha Theta within eight years received the Founders' medal at Vanderbilt university.

Mae A. Goff Smith (Mrs. Sion B.) Mu '86, is a contributor of articles and short stories to magazines.

Miss Elvira L. Bascom, Mu '94, is the editor of the book list of the American library association at Madison, Wisconsin.

Miss Sabra Vought, Mu '99, is connected with the State department of library organization at Columbus, Ohio.

Edith Swartz, Rho '03, was elected to membership in Sigma Xi.

Martha Cline Huffman, Rho, is Grand treasurer of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Sarah Hayden, instructor in art at the University of Nebraska, has had pictures exhibited in Chicago, Philadelphia and New York, received prizes and medals at the Chicago art institute, and had honorable mention in the Academic Vitti, Paris.

Lenna Thompson Fleming is a writer of stories and poems for Denver and Alaska papers.

Doctor Clelia Mosher, Psi '93, is doing splendid work as head of the department of hygiene at Stanford university.

Mrs. Ruby Green Smith is the only member of Phi, who has received the honor of Sigma Xi. She is at present studying for the degree of Ph. D. at Cornell university.

Henrietta Stadtmüller, Phi '95, is a very prominent club woman in San Francisco.

Susan Kingsbury, Phi, is a professor in Simmons college, Boston.

Julia Morgan, Omega '90, has distinguished herself as an architect. She was the first woman student who ever graduated from the school of Beaux arts in Paris.

Mary Katharine Birch, Alpha Alumnae.

BUILDING A CHAPTER HOUSE

The argument is no longer whether a chapter house is a benefit, but whether a given chapter could possess and maintain one successfully. At present the state universities provide the best field for experimentation because their increase in attendance far outstrips any State provision for housing the students. A new dormitory is an instigation to greater attendance, which in turn obliges more dormitories; but granting sufficient dormitory provisions possible, the dormitory serves chiefly as a place to eat, sleep, work or dawdle, quite selfishly with a few congenial people, at very slight expense. The same thing is true of the less-well-appointed boarding-house off the campus, where restraint is far less and liberties allure. Both the dormitory and the boarding-house to a certain extent fill a social and economic need; but beyond these the chapter house excels by making the success of this social and economic life in college depend, because of the fraternal ideal, on the individual efforts of each member. The conclusion is, a good chapter house should include the excellencies of a dormitory and of a club; and the question is how to secure such a peculiar house.

Of course it is perfectly possible to buy a house and adapt it to fraternity use. On the whole, such is less open to surprises than is the result when some architect translates scattered ideas from his drawing-board to bricks and mortar. Nevertheless, the peculiar characteristics of a house which is a fraternity home—a club—and a dormitory are hard to find in somebody's "house for sale" near the campus. Psi has lived in old houses quite contentedly, much longer than she has had a house of her own; but going back to originals now would seem impossible.

In 1906 the alumnae of Psi, together with those of other chapters resident in Madison, founded an incorporated association holding

eighty shares of stock at twenty-five dollars a share, making the total amount of capital \$4,000. In one way Madison is an extremely good example of what can be done about a chapter home, because both land and house building are excessively high, due partly to the restricted area available in the inclosure made by the five lakes around the city and university. Our first capital obtained by sale of \$4,000 in stock, went into the plot of ground, a piece approximately 55 feet by 90 feet, which then became security for a loan of \$10,000 at 5% for ten years, with privilege of renewal. This loan is gradually being taken up in stock subscribed for by alumnae and new initiates, until at the present we have reduced the loan more than half by stock distributed among some eighty Thetas. It is our conviction that small holdings among many holders in this kind of investment insures wider interest, greater loyalty, and less sacrifice by the individual. Since property value increases with the constant tendency of the university to absorb surrounding land, and since a state university, unlike a private institution, may not limit its attendance, and can not provide sufficient housing, investment in a chapter house has undeniably safe, rising value.

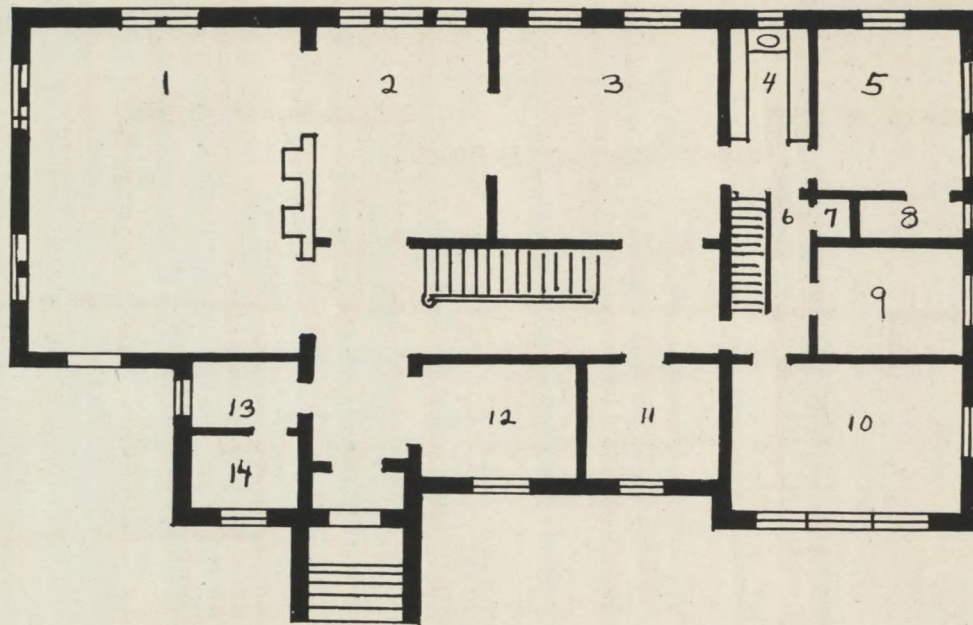
Psi is fairly confident of holding in its own possession—that is in the possession of the House-building association—stock to cover the entire value of the loan within twenty years of the time of borrowing (1906-1926). The Annual income by rent amounts to \$1,124 from which taxes, interest on the mortgage, insurance, and dividends at 5% to present stockholders are paid and the residue is apportioned for present repairs and sinking fund against deterioration. This is the method which Psi has found successful for building and maintenance of a house for eighteen girls in a locality where real estate and living expenses are excessively high.

The alumnae of Psi (recently become Alpha Gamma alumnae chapter) submit a plan of a purely theoretical chapter house, offering it as a suggestive outgrowth from certain benefits and certain misfortunes experienced in building Psi's present chapter house. The plan embodies certain good points in the existing house and attempts to overcome its difficulties.

The proposed chapter house whose perspective view and floor plans

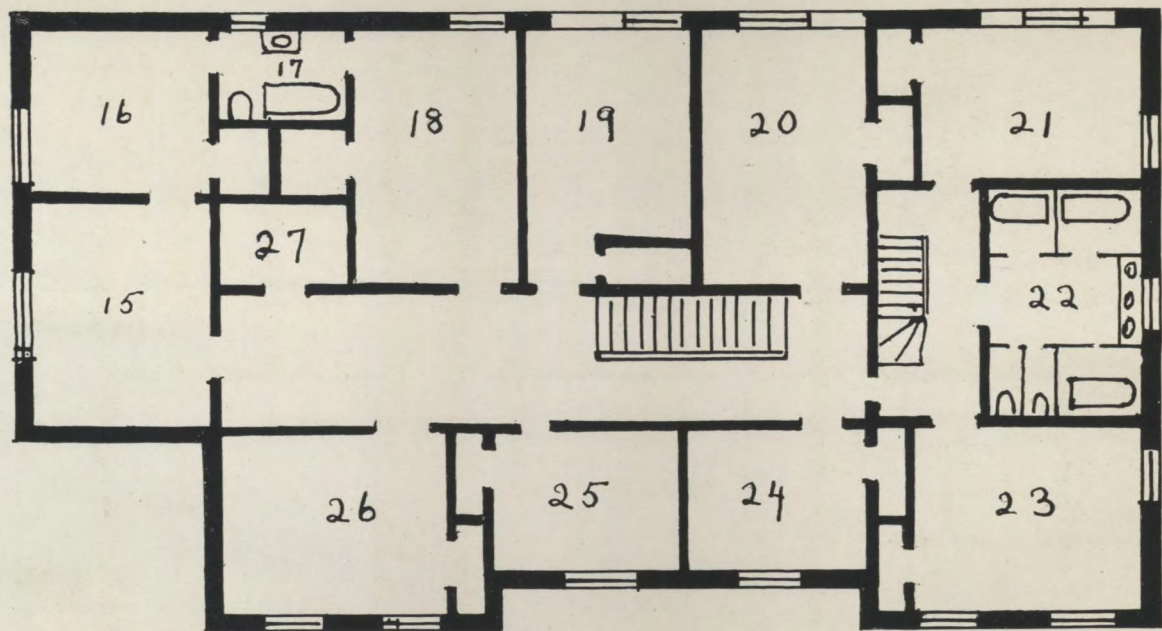


PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF HOUSE 44 FT. x 80 FT. ON LOT 60 FT. x 100 FT.



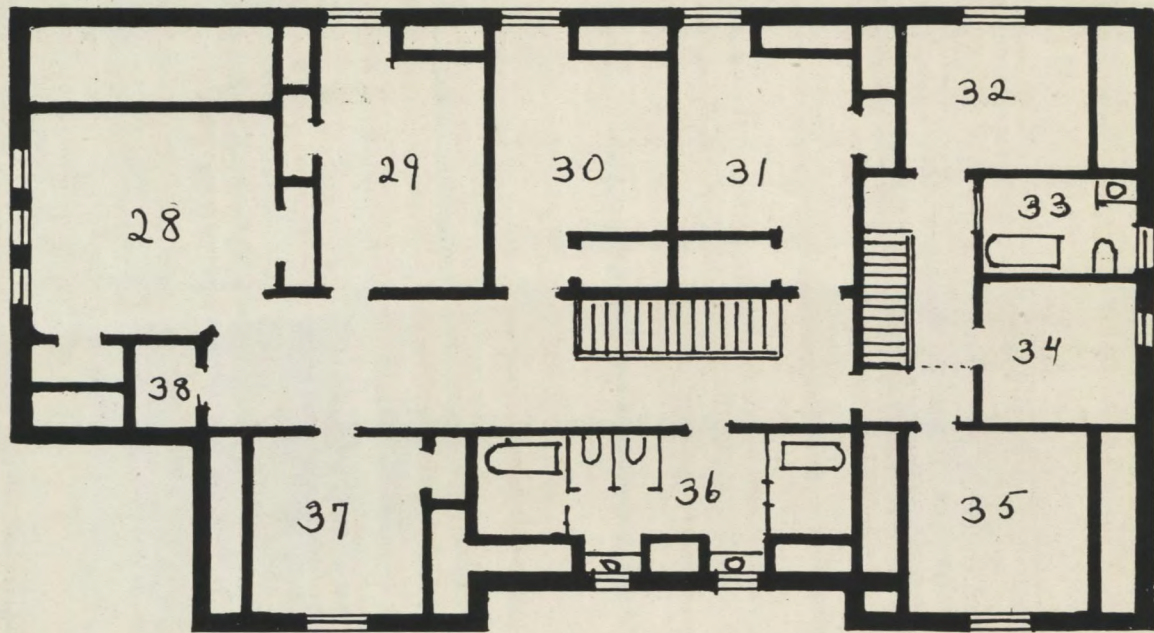
FIRST FLOOR PLAN

1. Chapter room 23 ft. x 30 ft.; 2. Tea room 16 ft. x 20 ft.; 3. Dining room 20 ft. x 20 ft.; 4. Butler's pantry 6 ft. x 10 ft.; 5. Kitchen 15 ft. x 16 ft.; 6. Service stair hall; 7. Telephone extension and signal board; 8. Ice closet 4 ft. x 8 ft.; Maids' parlor 10 ft. x 12 ft.; 10. Study 14 ft. x 20 ft.; 11. Steward's office 10 ft. x 12 ft.; 12. Reception room 10 ft. x 14 ft.; 13. Cloak room, telephone extension 10 ft. x 7 ft.; 14. Lavatory 10 ft. x 7 ft.



SECOND FLOOR PLAN

15. Chaperon's parlor; 16. Chaperon's chamber; 17. Chaperon's bath; 18. Infirmary or guest room; 19-20-21-23-26, Double rooms, averaging 17 ft. x 15 ft.; 22. Bath 16 ft. x 12 ft.; 24. Single room 12 ft. x 13 ft.; 25. Kappa Alpha Theta office; 27. Linen closet 6 ft. x 8 ft.



THIRD FLOOR PLAN

28-29-30-31, Double rooms, averaging 16 ft x 18 ft.; 32, 34 Servants' chambers; 33, Servants' bath; 35, Study 14 ft. x 15 ft.; 36, Bath 24 ft. x 10 ft.; 37, Chamber 15 ft. x 14 ft.; 38, Linen closet or telephone.

are given here, assumes a household of twenty girls as the lowest unit at which the necessary investment would be profitable. Beyond this number management is more difficult and below it less profitable. Preliminary to a discussion of the plans, there are several considerations. In the first place the permanence of such an erection requires building against rapid deterioration; and in the second place, its necessary service as both club and dormitory restricts the treatment of interior and exterior, that it may not resemble in appearance either a too large private house or a too small institution. As a whole, the building ought to express the ideals of the fraternity, especially its simplicity, its integrity, and its unity; while it makes possible the common interests and activities without disregarding the individual needs of varying personalities.

Assuming twenty girls as the unit, this plan provides the usual chapter room, receiving rooms, dining-room and kitchen, et cetera. The chapter room (23 feet by 30 feet) has exposure on three sides and fire-place on a fourth. At the entrance—on the left, cloak room, telephone and lavatory; on the right, a reception room for waiting guests; beyond, the steward's office equally accessible to the kitchen or to the wholesale agent or purveyor of other household necessities. In the far corner, away from the sound of fun and frolic, is a study for the use of girls rooming on the second floor. The second floor plan shows the chaperon's suite, infirmary, Kappa Alpha Theta office, five double rooms (averaging 14 feet by 16 feet) one single room which could be set aside as a guest room if number 18 on the plan remains as suggested—an infirmary—and the bath.

The third floor has four double rooms (16 feet by 18 feet) and two single rooms (14 feet by 15 feet) one of which (preferably 35) is for a study. The service suite has two chambers (32 and 34), with bath (33), and it may be shut off from the rest of the floor easily if desired. On this floor (38) and on the second (27) may be linen or telephone closets.

Since some rooms, such as the living-rooms, invariably receive detailed attention in every community, this article leaves the builders to their own discretion in the execution of these rooms while we dally awhile in the hitherto concealed, neglected or forgotten regions,

namely the kitchen, the house offices, the baths, the chaperon's quarters and the maids' parlor.

Speaking of the kitchen first, where the most exacting, most uninterrupted work continues day in and day out, rather than a large space a convenient one is necessary, exposure on two sides allows the location in good light of the stove (which must be "institutional size") and the sink, with large draining boards on each side. Along one wall extends a table-shelf on which to arrange an entire course—as the salad or desert—or to which a course removed may be brought without the odious plan of stacking. Above this shelf are closed cupboards for all china in common use. Below the shelf are drawers and cupboards for kitchen-ware and towels. There must be a stationary mixing table with bins and above it a shelf to hold seasonings and spices, and a rack for cook-books. Between the kitchen and dining-room are two rows of shelves and a bowl, answering to a butler's pantry, where fine glassware can be washed or flowers arranged and on the shelves dry supplies or best china kept. From another door one enters the ice-closet, which receives its ice from outside. Stairs from the kitchen lead to the basement store rooms for wholesale supplies, to trunk rooms, an inclosed furnace room, and a clean light laundry.

The baths come next. Since the maids' rooms are on the third floor, their bath is adjacent; but for the necessary convenience of the maids and all persons employed in the house there must be a closet in the basement, preferably near the laundry to avoid expense of long piping. Particular emphasis is placed on the obligation of choosing light easily ventilated places for service baths and closets as the first requisite for proper care of fixtures.

The second and third floor baths are alike in offering accommodations for ten people in one room. By screening or partitioning tubs and closets, six people may occupy the room at once, just as in a dormitory. Along the screens are hooks for each girl, designated by card; and above each hook is a small locker or lock box for personal belongings, such as soap and tooth powder. This avoids a common medicine chest or the alternative of carrying things back and forth to one's room. If the door is provided with a pneumatic

door-stop, it will shut of its own accord, keeping in sound and allowing greater direct ventilation than is necessary in the rest of the house.

An apparently slight thing, though very important, is the extension of the telephone to each floor (whether situated in an open hall or in a closet) and to the service hall of the first floor. The maids may be required to take full charge of answering calls and indicating by a house phone system the room whose occupant is required. Likewise the location of a telephone in the cloak-room solves the question for the visiting brothers and the more frequent visitor who is not a brother.

So far this article has taken up only the traditionally neglected corners; but its endeavour lies also in certain departures from tradition, as for instance the inclusion of study rooms, offices for house business and fraternity affairs, a maids' parlor, an infirmary, a guest chamber, and a suite for the chaperon instead of the usual chamber. These departures will appeal far more to the people who live in chapter houses than to the people who plan them and live elsewhere. The addition of a study for the girls of each floor (one on the third floor, one on the first) is far from idle amusement; for when two people undertake to live in one room nine months in a year for four years, allowance must be made for difference in habit and hours of work and play. Consequently the study is needed as a refuge from the sleepy-heads and those who "haven't anything to do tonight."

The steward of our house has long been a fellow-student—usually a Home-economics major—who receives her own board for administering ours acceptably. Up to this time there has never been a house office, and her desk is, as a result, given impartially and miscellaneously to Latin roots, wholesale house advertisements, house checks and receipts for board. In an occupation in itself so taxing, so important, a room where files of receipts could be kept, house bills paid, and the house routine for the day organized, would greatly increase the efficiency of the worker and the accuracy of her results. For like reasons, together with the necessity for privacy and security, one of the smaller rooms (25) on the second floor becomes the fraternity office, where the safe and all strictly fraternity paraphernalia are kept. Each officer occupied in recording or writing for the frater-

nity has her own chair and space at desk there. Also the meetings of officers and their committees could be held in this room.

Among the most difficult problems, once the chapter house is begun, is securing a chaperon worthy of the name and dignity. In a position of such all-pervading influence, and such undefined but technically non-existent powers, the only desirable person is a woman of great presence. And people of great presence scarcely like to contemplate mothering twenty girls for so long at a stretch if it means giving up altogether the pleasures of private life in return for "lodgings" and the excruciatingly hard, too often thankless, duties of house mother. The only assurance the fraternity can feel in asking a fit woman to undertake this work lies in its providing her a living place quite as good as she could command outside. She needs her own chamber, her own bath and her own parlor,—especially her parlor, for by college calendar four nights in the week the living-rooms down stairs are deserted after eight o'clock, while work goes on. No amount of encouragement could make a solitary woman spend an evening alone or entertain a solitary caller in them; whereas her own rooms come to have associations for her, in which her own identity is not so easily lost. Adjacent to the bath of her suite is a room good either as an infirmary for slight illness or as a guest room. If used for the infirmary a single room opposite (24) makes a fair substitute for a guest chamber.

The maids' parlor lies beyond the kitchen. Far more important is it to their daily comfort and constant efficiency than to their "company" so called. Inevitably their chambers are put as far out of the way as possible, so that twenty minutes rest between times in that region, while the pot boils below, is impossible. One too often forgets that the labour in the service end of the house never stops and needs constant consideration.

Not long after house plans are under way, the problem of furnishing descends like a cloud. It is generally admitted that provision for this is best made from a special fund. Often memorials or class gifts furnish certain rooms. A standing committee on furnishings and decorations, acting under the advice of interior decorators, succeeds best if we wish unified, harmonious results at the

least legitimate expense. This does not mean that the chapter shall not have full share in bettering and beautifying but that in changes or purchases it shall be guided by the committee.

Concerning the style of architecture, the proposed house is Gothic for several reasons—Gothic presents a recognized architectural character without suggesting unequivocally either the private residence or the public institution; it is adaptable without being characterless; it may be executed in various materials according to the exigencies of the case; all the space under a Gothic roof is good, thus saving expense. Providing that the furnishing fund up to \$1,000 could be secured by class memorials or gifts, there still remain the two great items of expense, land and building. This house requires a lot of 60 feet frontage and 100 feet depth. Taking forty dollars a foot as an average price, the land would cost \$2,400; and if this house were built of brick with tile roof, the finished building would cost \$18,000, making a total investment of \$20,400 of which a part would be stockholders' capital and a part loan for a term of years at a specified rate of interest. The question resolves itself into a consideration of how much could be raised by each method and whether the need of dormitory provisions exceeding those by the university is permanent enough to insure the redemption of the loan after which interest on the mortgage becomes dividends to shareholders.

Marion G. Peabody, Alpha Gamma Alumnae.

(The figures of this paper are based on information as to average costs of lands and building throughout the country obtained through the courtesy of the office of the Supervising architect of the University of Wisconsin. I have preferred not to use Madison prices in this connection because they are not helpful for comparison with prices in other localities).

KAPPA ALPHA THETA TOUR TO EUROPE

June 28-August 25, 1913, \$580

Route: New York, Antwerp, Brussels, The Hague, Scheveningen, Amsterdam, Marken, Cologne, The Rhine, Heidelberg, Berlin, Potsdam, Dresden, Nuremberg, Munich, Lake Constance, Lucerne, Brunig Pass, Lake Brienz, Interlaken, Murren, Montreux, Geneva, Paris,

Versailles, London, Windsor, Oxford, Warwick, Stratford, Kenilworth, Dover, New York.

JUNE 28—Sail from New York on the large twin-screw S. S. Lapland, of the Red Star line.

JULY 6—Touch at Dover.

JULY 7—Arrive in Antwerp. We shall visit the celebrated Museum and Picture Gallery, the Place Verte and the Cathedral, with its famous Rubens pictures.

JULY 8—In Brussels, "the miniature Paris," we drive to the Bourse, Grande Palace, with its picturesque old Guild Houses, the great Palace of Justice, the Cathedral, and the Museums of Painting and Sculpture.

JULY 9-10—At the Hague visits will be made to the Royal Palace, the Old Town Prison, with its mediaeval instruments of torture, and the Picture Gallery, containing masterpieces by famous Dutch artists. We shall also see the "House in the Wood," the suburban palace of Queen Wilhelmina, and the scene of the famous Peace Conference; and an excursion will be made to Scheveningen, a fashionable summer resort on the North Sea.

JULY 11-12—In Amsterdam, the Dutch metropolis, we shall visit the Royal Palace and the Rijks Museum, with its large and interesting collection of paintings and historical objects. We shall also have a most enjoyable excursion to the Island of Marken, on the Zuyder Zee, where the fisher folk still wear the quaint costumes of their ancestors.

JULY 13—In Cologne, where we shall see the great Gothic Cathedral, considered by many the most beautiful in the world, and the interesting Art Gallery.

JULY 14—The party will embark in the morning on one of the large express Rhine steamers, spending the whole day on the most interesting and picturesque part of this historic river. The steamer passes the famous fortress of Ehrenbreitstein, the cave of the Lorelei, the imposing castle of Rheinstein, the "Mousetower" of Bingen, and scores of ruined castles of legendary and historical interest.

JULY 15—In Heidelberg we visit the Castle, probably the finest in all Germany, and the former residence of the Palatine Electors.

JULY 16-20—In Berlin, the great German capital, one of the most modern and progressive cities in Europe. Among the numerous objects to be visited are the Royal Palace, Reichstag, Royal Muesum, National Gallery, Arsenal, Unter den Linden, Brandenburg Gate, National Monument, and the great government buildings. One day will be devoted to a delightful excursion to Potsdam, the "Versailles" of Prussia, with its many royal palaces, historically one of the most interesting places in Germany.

JULY 21-22—In Dresden, the charming little capital of Saxony. The Picture Gallery, containing, among other masterpieces, Raphael's "Sistine Madonna," ranks with the greatest galleries of Europe, and the Green Vault is equally celebrated for its priceless treasures of gold and precious stones.

JULY 23—In Nuremberg, in appearance the most mediaeval town in Germany, with its quaint old architecture and its many relics of the Middle Ages. The grim old fortress, with its instruments of torture, the Museum, the Town Hall, Durer's House and other places of interest will be visited.

JULY 24-26—In Munich, the handsome capital of Bavaria and the great art city of Germany. We shall visit the old and new Pinakothek Gallery, the Royal Palace, with the Niebelungen frescoes, Maximilianeum and Glyptothek. A motor ride will be taken, passing the Royal Theatre, the Rathaus, Royal Liberty, the Basilica of St. Boniface, and the colossal statute of Bavaria. In the evenings there will be an opportunity to see some of the great concert gardens, which are such a prominent feature of German life.

JULY 27-28—In Lucerne the party will visit the Old Bridge, the Glacier Garden, and the famous Lion of Thorwaldsen, while there will be opportunity to inspect the shops, which are among the most attractive in all Europe. Travel over the famous Brunig Pass to Interlaken.

JULY 29-30—At Interlaken, the famous Swiss summer resort. We shall have a most interesting excursion by mountain railway to Lauterbrunnen, with its famous Staubbach Falls, and the village of Murren, one of the finest accessible points in the Bernese Oberland, affording an unsurpassed view of the snow-capped Jungfrau. From Interlaken

we travel over mountains by electric railway through superb Alpine scenery to Montreux, beautifully situated on Lake Geneva.

JULY 31—At Montreux, where we visit the picturesque Castle of Chillon, celebrated in Byron's famous poem.

AUGUST 1—The steamer is taken for a delightful ride on Lake Geneva to Geneva. After lunch we leave by fast express train for Paris.

AUGUST 2-7—In Paris. This brilliant city of handsome residences and beautiful boulevards is filled to overflowing with objects of the greatest interest, the most important being the Louvre Picture Gallery and Museum, the Tuileries, the Luxembourg Gallery, the Pantheon, Church of the Madeleine, Grand Opera House, the Grand Boulevards, Sainte Chapelle, Hotel de Ville, Notre Dame, Place de la Concorde, Napoleon's Tomb; Palais Elysee, home of the President; Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe and the Bois de Boulogne, the most beautiful and extensive park in Paris. There will be an interesting excursion to Versailles, where we shall see the Grand Trianon, Petit Trianon and collection of state carriages, and the magnificent Palace of Louis XIV, with its gorgeous salons, famous pictures and beautiful gardens.

AUGUST 8-13—In London. Our program includes visits to Westminster Abbey, Houses of Parliament, Trafalgar Square and the Nelson Monument, St. Paul's, Bank of England, Tower of London, Victoria Embankment, London Bridge, Albert Memorial, Piccadilly, Law Courts, Charing Cross, Temple Bar, Old Bailey, and numerous sites of historical and literary interest. The remainder of the time will be left for visits to the more prominent museums and galleries, among which are the British Museum and the collections of the National, Tate and National Portrait Galleries. One day will be devoted to an excursion to Windsor, where we shall visit the Castle and its State Apartments, and the Albert and St. George's Chapels. In the afternoon an automobile trip will be arranged to Eton and to Stoke Pogis, the scene of Gray's *Elegy*.

AUGUST 14—This day will be spent in coaching through some of the finest scenery in all England. A charming drive along typical English country roads leads to Kenilworth Castle, one of the most

extensive baronial ruins in England. From Kenilworth we return to Warwick, where we inspect the Castle and its beautiful gardens. The afternoon will be devoted to Stratford, where the party will see Shakespeare's birthplace, the Church of the Holy Trinity, containing his remains; the Grammar School which the poet attended, and other points of special interest.

AUGUST 15—In Oxford, the famous university town, carriages will be provided for a drive to Merton College, the Bodleian Library, Christ Church, founded by Cardinal Wolsey; Magdalen College, Addison's Walk, and the Martyrs' Memorial, erected to the memory of Cranmer, Latimer and Ridley, who were burned in front of Balliol College.

AUGUST 16—Sail from Dover on the large twin screw S. S. Kroonland, of the Red Star Line.

AUGUST 25—Arrive in New York.

(An optional extension is offered to the English Lakes, Scotland and Ireland.)

SPECIAL FEATURES

WHAT IS INCLUDED—The price of the trip includes all necessary expenses, as follows: Ocean passage each way, as specified in the itinerary, steamer chairs, all railroad and steamboat travel, accommodations at first-class hotels, care and handling of baggage, frequent use of carriages, admission fees and tips to hotel servants, porters and railway employees. The only items not included are tips on ocean steamers, laundry, extras ordered at table, and sightseeing at night or on Sunday, as well as any expenses connected with shopping.

BAGGAGE—As most foreign countries charge express rates for heavy baggage, only two valises or suitcases will be allowed, of such size as to be conveniently taken into cars. The dimensions should not exceed 26x14x8 inches. Steamer trunks may be used on shipboard, and will be forwarded from ship to ship free of charge. In all cases baggage will be handled entirely by porters.

MAIL—Letters should be addressed "Care of the Eager Tours, 21 Cockspur St., London." Mail will be forwarded promptly by our London office.

REGISTRATION—To insure membership a deposit of \$50 is neces-

sary, this amount being required by the steamship company to hold the berths. The balance is due one month before sailing, and should be sent in a bank draft on New York or Baltimore. Should a member of the party be obliged to withdraw, the full amount will be returned up to three weeks before sailing.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS—Members of the party will receive special instructions about the hour of sailing, clothing, personal funds and other information. Membership is limited, and, as many inquiries have already been received, immediate application is most important.

For further information, address Miss L. Pearle Green, 15 East Avenue, Ithaca, N. Y.

OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

Some of the articles of our Journal are addressed to the freshmen, others to the sophomores, still others to the juniors and seniors, but this one is meant for all. At times one's responsibilities need to be emphasized. Each girl in the chapter should realize her responsibilities and then live up to them. The one who gains the most from the fraternity life is the one who puts the most labor, love, and loyalty into it. The strength of the chapter is judged by the attitude of each member toward it and toward each other. In so far as the members are unselfishly devoted, in like measure will the chapter be strong and helpful to its members.

To the freshman we would say, regard life in the fraternity seriously, realizing that the vows you have taken you are, in all honor, bound to keep. Responsibilities now rest upon your shoulders, as well as upon those of the upperclassmen. You, as a new member, should feel that a large part of the work falls to your lot. Little tasks, such as hanging pictures, dusting the living room, cleaning up the dishes after a "spread" should be done cheerfully and willingly. You, as an apprentice, should be willing to do, what you will, by all means, expect your successors to do. But a much greater duty awaits the freshman. She should miss no opportunity to learn more of the fraternity, its history and ideals. She should endeavor, as much as in her lies to make herself from the beginning of her fraternity life, a part

of that organization. Her character should be shaped by its ideals. She should encourage a feeling of loyalty and respect toward every member, simply because she wears the pin. In short, she should assume the same attitude of loyalty, helpfulness, and sympathy that she would have for her own sister. One protects a sister at all times and never offers her up to the hostile criticism of other members of the family or outsiders. Remember that the fraternity suffers if we are lacking, but if we grow in labor, love, and loyalty we prove ourselves acquisitions to the fraternity, not hindrances. To the senior we would say; watch carefully every word and act, as well as your general attitude toward the fraternity, for upon you rests the greatest responsibility of all. You are an example to all of your younger sisters and although you may not realize it they are weighing your merits and offenses. A weak senior, one who has not spent her four college years striving for the highest ideals of sisterhood, cannot be much help to a freshman or sophomore. On the other hand, the senior who has striven to accomplish the most will require a high standard from her younger sisters. She should ever be willing to lend a helping hand, to advise and, best of all, to set a good example.

The standards and aims of the juniors and sophomores should be no less lofty than those already mentioned. In each class we should see a higher development of those qualities which have already been urged upon the freshmen—labor, love and loyalty. At no time can a Theta afford to sit with folded hands and quiet mind, and feel that her work and responsibilities are over.

Finally all of these ideals should find their highest development in the alumna who is to take them out with her into the world. She is a very necessary link in the fraternity circle. The active chapters should have a background of live, earnest, loyal, *alumnæ*. The younger girls need the experience and personalities of their older sisters, and the alumna should count it a real privilege to be of help to her fraternity in any way what-so-ever. The alumna who takes no part in fraternity life doesn't realize what she misses, nor how much she is needed. So if you have been one of the indifferent kind become interested, realize your responsibilities and take an active part in some chapter, college or *alumnæ*. Let us all remember, once a Theta al-

ways a Theta and keep our shields of honor bright, untarnished and ready for service.

Phi Alumnae.

AN ELIZABETHAN MAY FÊTE

Possibly no one other Minnesota celebration was so completely satisfying to those who planned it, and so enduring in the minds of those who witnessed it, as was the third, triennial, all-University May Fête of the year 1911. Months of busy planning among fertile minds, brought forth a pageant, royally splendid, artistically retrospective, and Elizabethan in every detail. For five hours, Minnesota students and faculty welcomed the delusion which turned their verdant campus into a section of lively old Elizabethan London, with its crowded taverns, and its strolling minstrels. Even the Doric columns of somber library seemed to quiver in obeisance at the passing of Queen Elizabeth and her court, on their way to a May celebration in yonder field, where a modern grandstand assumed the air of a mediaeval amphitheater. The day was one long delightful glimpse into the fifteenth century, and stands a memorable one in University history.

One does not have to be a student in English history, to remember the outdoor celebrations, given in honor of Queen Elizabeth. Such was the particular historical basis of our Elizabethan May Fête. With the blowing of trumpets, the Queen's heralds, mounted on horses, announced the approach of the royal pageant on its way to a May festival, in honor of the Queen. After the heralds came the Queen's Guards, mounted warriors, in shimmering armor and carrying long lances. As the Queen's snow white palfrey drew up before the library building, the procession stopped. The Lord Mayor of London, sweeping the stone steps of the library with his ponderous train of velvet, bowed before her Highness, and humbly presented her with the keys of the city gate, beyond which lay the field of festivity. Just behind the Queen and her retinue of knights, walked the courtiers, Lords and Ladies in splendid attire. Imagine what mirth greeted Minnesota's faculty, as it passed in gorgeous velvets and plumed head-gear. Green



MAY POLE DANCE



1. Margaret Delinger, K A Θ, a barmaid at Mermaid Tavern; 2. Queen Elizabeth, Mrs. Vincent, wife of University president; 3. Dorothy Loyhed, K A Θ, Queen of the May.

tights and purple doublets with stiff, white ruffs were comic contrasts to coat and trousers, especially on professors. The Queen of the May on a white horse, came just behind the court, artistically attended by dancing maids with wreaths and garlands. Then followed a motely array of archers, wrestlers, clowns, acrobats, Robinhood bandits, milkmaids, peasants, minstrels, actors, witches, monks and friars, all on their way to provide ample entertainment for Elizabeth's court and the throng of eager spectators which lined the sidewalks.

The football bleachers were gaily dressed for the occasion. Royal boxes, and special seats for the nobility, were guarded by soldiers. Out in the field three May poles with flying ribbons, waited the arrival of the dancing chorus. Clowns in spotted bloomers, and jugglers in green tights practised their maneuvers. Away in the distance two armies of hooded fools strided painted hobby-horses. Minstrels strolled about; waiting for the crowd to settle. And what a performance it was, to be sure! the crowning of the May Queen by the royal Elizabeth, the choral dances, and the hobby-horse fight.

And when the festivities were at an end, there were leisurely strolls and chats among various celebrities. Sir Walter Raleigh and William Shakespeare sauntered idly about from Tavern to Tavern, now and then stopping long enough at the Bar, to join a group of poets and actors, who loitered there, in a glowing argument about "The Armada" or Drake's wild adventures. The grand Earl of Leicester, with his charming Duchess, claimed not a few adulations. "The Mermaid Tavern" with its mermaid waving in the breeze, served strong ale (lemonade) by pretty barmaids. The old Law building, with its vine-covered portico, was the "White Horse Tavern." The "Boars Head Inn" had tables under trees, where peasants lingered and minstrels sang.

On a shady knoll, not far from the taverns, a stage had been erected, and here *The arraignment of Paris* was acted in favor of the Queen and her court. Behind the library, on the bank of the Mississippi, *Robinhood and his Merry Men* was acted, and not far from here yet another play was given, *Abraham and Isaac*. All three plays gave repeated performances during the whole afternoon.

Much eating and drinking and innocent carousing went on about the taverns all day. All sorts of Lords and Ladies came and went friars and monks passed by; peasants loitered about; and now and then a knight reined his impetuous steed for a drink. As twilight fell, one by one the Elizabethan company faded into a prosaic group of twentieth century professors and students. The campus once more became a plot of trees and green, strewn with paper and litter and dotted with skeleton-like structures, which only *hinted* of their former Elizabethan identity.

Luella M. Bussey.

CONVENTION

THETA'S 1913 HOUSE PARTY

Two years pass very quickly and 1913 brings us around again to convention. So on this occasion Alpha Zeta, her alumnae and Gamma alumnae send a very hearty greeting to all the fraternity, and extend a most cordial invitation to come to the Cliff house, Lake Minnewaska, June 24 to 28.

We are so delighted at the prospect of having the fraternity with us that we want you all to know how much we have been thinking about convention these past months, and planning for those five wonderful days—days so full of responsibilities and obligations, but also of opportunities and pleasures. It is the earnest wish of the hostess chapters that the hours of play be as fruitful of good influence as those of labor for the fraternity.

Minnewaska is an ideal spot for a convention and we are fortunate in being able to have the hotel entirely to ourselves. The lake is 1900 feet above the sea, perched on top of a mountain, whose pine clad slopes rush down precipitously to meet the water. Through the woods many picturesque trails have been cut leading to quaint waterfalls or points of vantage from which one may get superb views. Besides the walking,—of which I hope we may do much—there is bathing and boating on the lake, and tennis courts near the hotel.

We are hoping to have lots of singing at convention. Indeed I can hardly conceive of a place where an out-of-door chorus would seem more appropriate or delightful. Doesn't every one know how nice it is on warm summer evenings to sit on the porch steps and sing.

The business sessions will of course take up all the mornings and then there will be the afternoons for exploring the country and evenings for stunt party, ritual and banquet last of all.

When our last song has died away and trunks are packed and convention is really over we hope that many will stay on in New York for a day or two. They will be well cared for. We have planned

some personally conducted trips to points of interest in this city of which more notice will be given at Minnewaska. A list of suitable and moderate priced hotels recommended by the committee will be published in the May Journal. So all those wishing to stay in New York may secure accommodations before hand.

Again warmest greetings to every Kappa Alpha Theta! A most cordial welcome will await you at Minnewaska!

Evelyn Holt, Chairman Hospitality Committee.

THE CLIFF HOUSE, LAKE MINNEWASKA, ULSTER CO. N. Y.

This is where convention will be held! The rate is \$2 a day for everyone. Visitors must write for their own accommodations as only those of the official delegates are reserved for them. For further information apply to Mrs. H. D. Lyon, Chairman hotel committee, 545 West 111 St. New York City.

AN INVITATION TO YOU

Dear Thetas: Convention is to be held this year at the Cliff House, Lake Minnewaska, N. Y. It is a delightful spot where one can lead a simple out-of-door life at an altitude of 1900 feet above the sea. The lake, where boating and bathing are good, lies at the foot of the cliff on which the hotel stands. To this lovely place the Grand council sends you a very personal and cordial invitation in which Alpha Zeta, her alumnae and Gamma alumnae most heartily join. Won't you come to help us in our discussions in the business meetings? We need all the suggestions that we can get. Won't you walk with us through the pine woods? It is at such times that one gets to know one's sisters from far away. Won't you help us sing in the evenings and wake the mountain echoes with the praises of Kappa Alpha Theta? We need every voice to swell our chorus. Come!

NOTES

In our efforts to set forth the delightful privacy of the Cliff house, we unconsciously gave an impression of inaccessibility. While se-

cluded, Lake Minnewaska is not isolated. It is both simple and easy to reach by a comfortable journey. Please do not let the location keep you at home—the place is a delightful one, and it is not “out-of-the-way” either.

Convention features: Messages from every chapter, extension debate, Panhellenic discussion, new code, song-fest, model ritual, stunt-party, banquet and a grand historical surprise.

The why of the early date for convention seems to puzzle some. The season at all summer resort hotels opens the week of July 4. This year the fourth is on Friday so June 24-27 is the week before the season opens. In order to get sufficient desirable reservations for all of convention at one hotel, we must hold convention before the season opens—or after it closes, which would bring it into the midst of the college term. We regret deeply that this year commencement at a few colleges falls as late as June 25, and that a late closing of some city schools will interfere also with the presence of some of our teacher-alumnæ. An early summer date has been urged frequently, so that convention would not break into the holiday plans. This year we have the early date—and it is inconvenient too for some. What are the ideal dates for convention?

There will be a special convention train with delightful stops en-route. Watch out for the announcements!

DEKALB-SYCAMORE PANHELLENIC

For some time the fraternity women of DeKalb and Sycamore, Illinois, (six miles apart and connected by trolley) have wished for a Panhellenic organization, but it was not until late in November, 1912, that Mrs. Lackland and Eva Hall, Kappa Alpha Theta, and Mrs. Countryman, Pi Beta Phi, entertained all the fraternity women. Enthusiasm for further meetings was expressed and a very informal organization effected. A second meeting was held in DeKalb in December, entertained by Helen Swasey, Kappa Alpha Theta, Polly Branch, Pi Beta Phi, and Elva Lunberg, Alpha Gamma Delta.

On January 14, Miss R. Louise Fitch, editor of the *Trident*, gave

her fine talk illustrated with slides, on the sixty colleges that she has visited. This was at the Congregational church parlors in Sycamore. Husbands and fraternity men were invited.

It was a surprise to find that there were so many fraternities represented in our membership. Pi Beta Phi—Mrs. Arthur Gochenour (Eleanor Claycomb), Mila Parke, Eleanor Parke, Mrs. William Fulton (Laura Busey), Polly Branch, Mrs. Peyton, Mrs. Ralph Countryman (Margaret Hubbard); Kappa Alpha Theta—Helen Swasey, Josephine Glidden, Mrs. Leonard Lackland (Gertrude McAllister), Eva Hall; Kappa Kappa Gamma—Mrs. C. D. Rogers (Elizabeth Rowley), Bessie Rogers, Mrs. Benjamin Rist (Grace Owen); Alpha Phi—Claire Lattin; Delta Gamma—Mrs. J. E. Lewis (Harriet Tait); Gamma Phi Beta—Ida Simonson, Imogene Kean; Alpha Chi Omega—Mrs. Toenneges (Elizabeth Patten); Delta Delta Delta—Mrs. Amos Claycomb (Ruth Bressler); Alpha Xi Delta—Edna Koch; Chi Omega—Jessie Pond, Mrs. B. Davy (Harriet Wilson), Lora King; Alpha Gamma Delta—Elva Lunberg; Kappa Delta—Linda Kollman; Sigma Alpha Iota—Grace Wood.

The meetings are to be held every six weeks. Part of the time we shall work for the hospitals of the two towns.

VOCATIONAL CONFERENCE AT WISCONSIN

Last year the women of the University of Wisconsin, believing that many women take up teaching as a profession because they do not know the openings in other lines of work, held a Vocational conference, to present the opportunities in some of the leading fields for women. The conference was conceived and largely planned, by Miss Lily B. Campbell, member of our Alpha Theta chapter, former secretary of Y. W. C. A. and now assistant Dean of women, by Miss K. S. Alvord, vocational adviser to women, and by Katherine Lenroot, then a senior in the university. It was supported by the Association of collegiate alumnae, and by the Women's self-government association, and other organizations of the college women, with some help from President Van Hise. The meetings were so successful and

received such support from the students, that it was decided to hold a second conference this year.

During the summer Miss Alvord wrote to the alumnae of Wisconsin asking them of their vocational experiences. She learned that one-half the women graduates of Wisconsin are self-supporting, that of this number, seven-eighths are in the teaching profession, leaving only one-eighth in other lines of work. From this one-eighth she received many helpful facts regarding opportunities, remuneration, advantages and disadvantages in their professions, and what courses in the university were valuable as preparation for such work.

This year's conference was managed by the Self-government association, under the guidance of Miss Alvord. The different organizations for women joined in financing the project. The whole conference was very skillfully and systematically planned. General committees of university women, with numerous sub-committees and helpers, arranged all details of the program, aroused the interest of the students, and made it possible for them to come into personal relations with the speakers.

The fields in which the students showed most interest last year, especially those for which Wisconsin is best fitted to prepare women, were represented again this year. The women's literary societies sent in lists of vocations which their members wished to hear discussed, and the most important of these vocations were given a place on the program. The speakers selected were women actively engaged in the different lines of work, and so familiar with the opportunities for women in those lines.

A decided effort was made to arouse the interest of the great body of women students. The conference was featured frequently on the woman's page of the *Daily cardinal*, both in editorials and in news items. On the Monday preceding the conference, the committee issued the first of a series of tags. These tags were issued all week, each day of a different color, and were distributed among the women students between morning classes. The tags bore in large black type the following catch phrases, followed by "Vocational conference":—

"What brings good salaries?"

"Have you landed a job?"

"After college, what?"

"If you don't want to teach, what?"

"Have you decided?"

On Wednesday afternoon, January 15, the conference opened. The meetings were held in Lathrop hall, the woman's building, each afternoon. The program for the conference follows:

WEDNESDAY, 3:30 P. M.

Miss K. S. Alvord, chairman.

Miss Frances Cummings, New York, *Secretarial work.*

Miss Ida V. Yontz, of the Young Women's Christian association national board, Chicago, *Young Women's Christian association work.*

Miss Blanche Trilling, director of physical education for women of Wisconsin, *Playground opportunities.*

THURSDAY, 3:30 P. M.

Miss Harriet Prince '13, chairman.

Miss Euphrasyné Langley, Chicago university, *Interior decorations.*

Miss Claudia Murphy, New York, *The business woman of today.*

Miss A. L. Marlatt, professor of home economics at Wisconsin, *Executive positions open to women trained in home economics.*

FRIDAY, 3:30 P. M.

Miss Belle Fliegleman '13, chairman.

Miss Mary L. Goss, International harvester company, Chicago, *Welfare work.*

Miss Edith Shatto '10, of the Milwaukee health department, *Public positions, state and federal.*

Miss Helen M. Bennett, Chicago Record-Herald, *Women in newspaper work.*

To give the students an opportunity to meet the speakers, tea was served in the Lathrop hall parlors after each meeting. At these teas, the girls met the speakers in a pleasant, informal way, and made appointments for special personal conferences. Each speaker kept office hours when she advised as to best ways of preparation any who were interested in her line of work. These office conference hours were announced on the program and were most helpful. The students were interested decidedly in all the fields of work presented and many conferred with the speakers.

This conference was so successful that plans are being made for a third conference next year. It is hoped that such a vocational con-

ference may become an annual event at Wisconsin. The meetings, as well as the personal conferences, were well attended, while the talks on opportunities in the various lines of work were so clear and so enthusiastic as to be of great benefit to the students. To help the committees who will manage the conference next year, this year's committees are leaving on record (as did last year's committees) suggestions for improving the conference, so each conference will be better than its predecessors. *Ada Pence, Psi.*

VOCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

At this season, our seniors, who are not "born teachers" nor fortunate "home-keeping" hearts, are searching eagerly for an answer to the query "after college, what?"

At Wisconsin the women students—ably seconded by the university—have assumed the responsibility of enlightening themselves upon the vocational opportunities for college women. The detailed story of their recent conference, as told by Psi in this issue, may be suggestive to you as workers in student organizations. Such a conference would be an admirable work for your college Panhellenic. In no other way just now could the fraternities better serve the whole college.

Notable work in the study of business and professional work for women has been done by the Women's educational and industrial union of Boston. It is issuing a series of practical bulletins, each dealing with a special line of work. These bulletins are sold for ten cents each, post-paid.

As an example of the character of these bulletins, we cite some headings from the one on *Publishing house work*: "Sources of information; nature and scope of the occupation; qualities and training needed; pay, positions and opportunities."

Bulletins on the following occupations have been issued to date (January 1913). 1. Probation work; 2. Advertising; 3. Home and school visiting; 4. Publishing house work; 5. Poultry raising; 6. Proof reading; 7. Real estate; 8. Industrial chemistry; 9. Bacteriological work; 10. Interior decoration; 11. Medical social ser-

vice; 12. Organizing charity; 13. Social service for children; 14. Settlement work.

The same association has published *Vocations for the trained woman, opportunities other than teaching*, edited by Agnes F. Perkins. This book contains articles on opportunities for women trained in research, civic service, social service, scientific work, domestic science and arts, agriculture, business, clerical and secretarial work, literary work, art, special forms of teaching. Its price is \$1.20, postage 16 cents extra.

Book and bulletins can be obtained from the Women's educational and industrial union, 264 Boylston street, Boston, Massachusetts. They would make excellent gifts to the chapter-house library. Every college woman hesitating as to a choice of a career will find them stimulating and suggestive.

SQUELCH SOCIETIES AT GOUCHER

Knowing that there are squelch societies at other colleges, but being unfamiliar with them, my attitude toward squelch societies at Goucher must necessarily be narrow. Before, however, I pass opinion upon their usefulness or harm to the college life, I had better describe them.

There are six squelch societies at Goucher; one in the senior, one in the junior, two in the sophomore, and one in the freshman class, and one composed of all the red-haired girls in college.

The membership of the senior society is limited to nine. It is supposed to represent the most prominent girls in the class, but when one looks at the division of membership, one sees the futility of this argument in behalf of the *raison d'être* of the society. Alpha Phi has always one member, Tau Kappa Pi—a local—two, Gamma Phi Beta two, Delta Gamma one, Kappa Alpha Theta one, Pi Beta Phi one, and non-fraternity one. Every spring each graduating member chooses, with the approval of the other eight members, the girl in her fraternity whom she wishes to succeed her.

This is the mode of election in all the squelch societies. Sometimes an exception is made; for instance, this year the senior Thetas

were so strong that one Gamma Phi Beta was replaced by a second Theta.

This society is known as the *Red strings*, for on every Friday, and on every college occasion, the members appear with a narrow red ribbon slung around their necks and tantalizingly hanging off the left shoulder. What is more natural than that an innocent freshman should attempt to straighten the ribbon or ask its meaning; and what more reminiscent of the horse-play of Shakespeare's time than the senior's rude reply or freezing look? Fun for the experienced on-lookers perhaps, but burning mortification for the victim.

There are seven members in the junior society, called the *Forks*. On a certain day of the week, the members wear around their left arms a band of black velvet on which is embroidered a fork. Alpha Phi has one member, Gamma Phi Beta one, Tau Kappa Pi one, Delta Gamma one, non-fraternity two.

There are two sophomore societies; the *Whistles* and the *O³S³s*. The membership of the latter society is very limited, only three fraternities being represented: Delta Gamma with two, Tau Kappa Pi with three, and Alpha Phi with three. On their special day of the week, they wear to all their class-rooms their caps and gowns; on the backs of the gowns are pasted large figures of O³S³ cut from gold paper. The *Whistles* have a wider field of membership; two from Kappa Alpha Theta, one from Alpha Phi, one from Pi Beta Phi, one from Tau Kappa Pi, one from Gamma Phi Beta, one from Delta Gamma, and two non-fraternity girls. They wear little silver pins in the shape of a whistle.

After pledge-day each fall eight freshmen, two each from Delta Gamma, Alpha Phi, and Tau Kappa Pi, and two non-fraternity girls, are made *Tea Pots*. Their insignium is a pin formed like a tea-pot.

The squelch society whose basis for membership is most reasonable, is that of the *Titian Tints*, for any girl boasting red hair is eligible for membership.

To generalize; the probation of the candidate for membership in all the squelch societies except the more dignified *Red strings*, is very strenuous. The candidates are put through all manner of public hazings. This I do not object to, for if they are willing to

make themselves objects of curiosity, they are the only ones concerned. But the weekly demonstrations in chapel, the cliquing together of girls conspicuously and ridiculously decorated, I consider entirely out of place.

The main argument which has been advanced in favor of squelch societies is that they cause some girls of different fraternities to mingle together, and thus produce a friendlier spirit among the fraternities. Then there is the sentimental plea that these squelch societies are almost as old as the college itself, and are therefore to be fostered as precious relics. Against these arguments I advance the objections that squelch societies form cliques; that they are decidedly out of place, if not sacreligious, in chapel; that they lack any intellectual or moral purpose; and that they educate a certain number of girls to be rude and unnecessarily repellent.

Dorothy Davis, Alpha Delta.

EDITORIALS

FRATERNITIES are face to face with a wave of opposition startlingly concrete and active. Some of the charges are unwarranted by the facts, and—because of the enlightened national fraternity policies of recent years—many of the evils so loudly proclaimed are on the high road to oblivion.

It is significant that in no instance, where today the question of the continuance or discontinuance of fraternities is being agitated, has the movement against the fraternities been originated, or encouraged, by college faculties, those most vitally concerned for the welfare of college students.

Fraternities are not things apart, but a part of college life—a truth completely ignored by the opposition. A fair decision of this fraternity question can be reached only by a thorough study of the environment of *each* college and of the fraternities as a *part* of that environment. If at any institution such a study should *prove* fraternities inimical to the best life in that college, there is no fraternity that would not cheerfully and gladly withdraw from said college. Usefulness and helpfulness are part of the creed of every such organization, and only in such an atmosphere can fraternity life be of value to members or college.

As a nation we are in the throes of a popular struggle for greater democracy, so the charge "undemocratic" is hurled at the fraternities. Why? Because of a failure to appreciate the meaning of democracy. That Judge Doe and Editor Smith find relaxation in different social circles of the same city does not prove either of them "undemocratic."

Literature and history eloquently attest the great value of personal friendships. The very nature of friendship limits the number of one's friends, and he who tries to be friends with all the world, knows no one and no one knows him. A kindly interest in all mankind and a wide acquaintanceship in one's community are most desirable, but it is an abuse of a beautiful thing to confuse these with friendship.

In our commendable zeal for the good of the whole, we must not lose sight of the need for personal development of the individual. Those with no inner shrine of their own have little to contribute to

the world. All social life in common for a student body of fifty may be a delightful possibility, but for a student body of hundreds it becomes an impractical impossibility.

The so-called selfishness urged against fraternities is a characteristic of all human institutions. Even a church makes a distinction between members and non-members. Is a woman selfish because she marries only one of the half dozen men who aspired to become her husband? The fraternity idea is not patented, all who want fraternity life can have it by giving of their brains, time, and means for the organization of such.

CONVENTION TIME draws nearer. Chapter after chapter is planning to send a large delegation. That is as it should be. No chapter should fail to send every member possible. Here we want especially to emphasize the value of convention to the alumnae who are far from chapter life—the convention has much to give you too; we want you; do come.

SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, has joined the rank of alumnae chapter cities. The eighteen charter members are—Rowena Pattee Emerson and Bertha Bradford McGrony of Upsilon; Charlotte P. Greenough of Alpha Nu; Mary Wise Steele, Caroline Warner Flood, Ethelyn Binkley White of Iota; Vera Jones Gifford, Robin McKinley, Bessie Graham, Irene Somerville Durham, Hazel Black, Mabel Durham of Alpha Lambda; Ellen Koken Mann of Alpha Mu; Cornelia Stevenson Twitchell of Phi; Lina Kennedy Preston of Tau; Mary Stewart Hooker of Eta; Mary Nickey Newman of Alpha; Elizabeth Chamberlain Rounseval of Alpha Gamma. We are glad of this opportunity to greet our Spokane Thetas as an alumnae chapter. All welcome!

JANUARY was a red-letter month for your Editor, for during that month it was her great privilege to add five chapters to her list of "personally known" Kappa Alpha Thetas. One's belief in fraternity ideals and one's appreciation of Kappa Alpha Theta's worth are immeasurably strengthened by such an experience.

Alpha Iota, as a city chapter, is fortunate in her hearth-stone, a suite in the women's dormitory, one of Washington University's beautiful buildings. Sigma alumnae is a most cosmopolitan, congenial group that plays "big sister" to the college chapter in a delightful manner—while the college chapter reciprocates this helpfulness by its fine sincere character.

Alpha Mu greets one with the Southern accent and traditional hospitality. Its chapter house, while small, is a true home; and the chapter has so appreciated fraternity that Kappa Alpha Theta's place in the university is unquestioned, though she entered long after strong fraternities were well established. Traditionally beautiful Columbia was all bleakness and mud that week, but the charm of the college life was still evident. The chapter was earnestly preparing for finals, to be followed promptly by the initiation of its attractive pledges. (Kappa Alpha Theta was the only fraternity at Missouri, all of whose pledges won —by satisfactory scholarship—the privilege of initiation at this time.)

The college atmosphere at Oklahoma is very different from that at Columbia, a college town that now knows as seniors the grandchildren of early graduates. In Norman things are new; the spirit of growth, of tradition making, of development is marked. The university spells opportunity—a fact that both faculty and students understand and appreciate. Oklahoma Thetas are girls of sterling character and with an unusual amount of personal beauty. No truer test of a new chapter's standing can I give than the confident assurance that our strongest chapters would have initiated these girls, if their alma maters rather than Oklahoma had been fortunate enough to enroll these girls as students.

And then there is Alpha Theta! For some subtle reason, the fraternity has always felt the charm of this far away chapter. In no chapter, old or new, has the entire fraternity shown more interest. The absolute congeniality of Alpha Theta is a perfect delight to a visitor; so is the chapter's thoughtful hospitality, and—to a Northerner, at least—the distinctive Southern atmosphere of the college, and of Alpha Theta's home with its pillars and innumerable "galleries." Here are just the sort of girls we all had confidence Texas Thetas

would be from the time Mrs. Garrettson and Mrs. Windsor first espoused the cause of our "petitioners from Tex."

Chapter visiting over, the Editor has found herself in the midst of delightful Theta hospitality in Houston, where the six resident Thetas (Mrs. Judd, Mrs. Curry, Maidel Baker, and Ruth Horn of Alpha Theta; Blanche Higginbotham of Upsilon; and Mrs. Georgina Lyman Edwards of Phi) look forward to the time when there shall be a Houston-Galveston alumnae chapter in this land of warmth and friendliness.

This trip has given the Editor a new insight into chapter life and a renewed faith in fraternity; also, a new dream for the "ideal convention"—a visit with every chapter.

DELEGATES: May you choose as delegate of your chapter that member who will most honorably represent you: A girl whose loyalty is unswerving, whose tongue and heart are kind, who comes to chapter-meeting—and thus will come to convention meetings—anxious not to get all she can, but to give, help, and inspire all she can. May she be generous in debate, quick and eager to see all sides of a question, unselfish and gallant in compromise, slow to criticise, cheerful in disappointment, and humble in triumph.

To her give not only your trust and inspiration but you support and company. Come with her and make your chapter's gift to Kappa Alpha Theta one of fine enthusiasm and hopefulness.—From District president's letter to chapters of Alpha Alpha district.

CHAPTER LETTERS AND ALUMNÆ NEWS

ALPHA—DEPAUW UNIVERSITY

After a strenuous examination week we are enjoying a short vacation. Great preparations are being made for a vigorous rush next semester. Panhellenic has ruled that each fraternity may give three parties for freshmen during the coming semester; the total expense of these must not exceed \$50. March 1 we may make dates with the freshmen for such times as we care to be with them in an informal way. Our first party will be February 15, a Valentine party. The house will be decorated in red hearts and tiny cupids, and dancing will be the chief form of entertainment. About thirty-five freshmen will be invited to this, and many alumnæ are coming back to help us entertain.

Sophomore pledging is new to us, and we go about it rather delicately.

On January 25 Zeta alumnæ, as is its custom, gave a banquet to celebrate our birthday. Beta, Gamma and ourselves were the college chapters represented. The affair was held at the Columbia club in Indianapolis. After the banquet instead of having toasts, each college chapter gave a stunt of some kind. Ours was a short sketch called *The girl with the green feather*, and was written by Ruth Landrum '13. The banquet was a great success, and I am sure every girl was more than glad she attended.

1 February 1913

Ehrma Green.

Helen Guild and Irene Taylor will be back in college next semester.

Gladys Rudy has gone to study music in the Boston conservatory.

'11-ex Edna and Era Bence are studying in Berlin this winter.

'11 Mabel Wright is studying abroad this winter.

On account of ill health Eva Morrish will not be in college next semester.

'99 Edna Taylor Ritter (Mrs Dwight) has moved from Columbus, Ohio to Indianapolis.

Mr and Mrs Lawrence Ellis (Edith Ravenscroft) are spending the winter in Los Angeles.

Born to Mr and Mrs Maurice Tennant (Ruby Ferris) on Jan. 8, 1913, a daughter, Jane Emerson.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The winter term, which began January 2, has been a very busy but very interesting one. Our rules forbid initiation before a student has fifteen hours credit in the university, so initiation could not be held until the second term. All our fourteen pledges made their hours, and on January 9 we initiated Harriet Pilger, Mildred Reiman, Mary Reiman, Ester McNaul, Rebecca Nicosin, Hilda Kidder, Florence Wandell, Madeline Laidley, Hilda Clyne, Hilda Springer, Mary Jane Fields, Henrietta Hepburn, Sarah Gordon and Nancy Conwell.

Plans promise to make the rest of the term as busy and as interesting as the first of it has been. The County fair comes next and, as usual, the nearest event seems most important. The County fair is given every year for the benefit of the Young Women's Christian association. Every organization takes part, and has its own way of making money—usually at booths or by a show of some kind. Theta plans to give *Uncle Tom's cabin* as a farce with choruses. The scenery and costumes will be very original, and some of the songs, too, are home made—composed by Theta poets.

We have invited several of the girls who expect to enter the University next year to our Martha Washington cotillion, which will be on February 22. The cotillion is to be our biggest party this winter, and we hope to make it most successful.

But all of our time is not given to social plans. We expect to find the hard work we have given to study rewarded when the scholarship records for the term are published.

30 January 1913

Henrietta Hepburn

Jeanne Crowder of Indianapolis and Lois Stewart of Sullivan were here last week.

Hazel Harris and Harry Simmons, Δ T Δ, were married in Dec.

Mrs Lock Turner of Cincinnati made a short visit here last week.

Born, Sept. 28, 1912, to Mr and Mrs A. D. Hitz (Mary O'Hair) a daughter, Caroline.

Married, Oct. 10, 1912, Florence Frazee to Helm Woodward. Address: Covington, Ky.

Anna Megee is teaching Latin and English in the high school at Gaston, Ind.

GAMMA—BUTLER COLLEGE

Gamma has enjoyed a "Theta day" since her last letter, in the initiation of Jeanne Stewart. Her late entrance last year necessitated a delay in initiating her, and we are all glad that she is at last one of us, and take great pleasure in introducing her to the national fraternity.

We are now beginning to see an end to our long rush and are hoping and expecting, with true Theta confidence, a successful culmination to our labours. Owing to the many restrictions placed on fraternity entertainments this year, we are placing great emphasis on individual rushing, which we have found to be very effective. Different girls have entertained groups of rushees at little informal affairs from time to time. There have been spreads, candy pulls, chafing dish parties, and a progressive dinner given by some of our Irvington girls and alumnae. These parties have been very instrumental in furthering friendships and have afforded many good times to both hostesses and guests.

On January 11 we gave a dancing party at the home of Eda Boos, which, despite accompanying torrents of rain, proved a delightful affair. Then on January 27 we received the rushees and their mothers, our mothers and alumnae at a reception at the home of Ellen McMurray. The house was simply decorated with white roses, and music was furnished by a harpist.

A formal dinner will as usual constitute our last party in the rush, and we are hoping to make it particularly pleasing and effective.

Society events at Butler are on the increase this year, the freshman and sophomore classes affording an innovation in their plans for hops while the Boys' union, the Girls' lotus club and the Press club are planning for dances.

Our scholarship record was, we thought, very good considering the large amount of illness among the girls last term. There were no failures, and we were very proud to learn that Ruth Cunningham was one of the two in college, who were allowed to continue carrying four subjects.

The annual State Founders'-day luncheon was held January 25

at the Columbia club. The favors, music, dainty program, luncheon and the large assemblage of Thetas furnished us with a rare good time, and a deeper insight into the national organization of the fraternity.

'09-ex Born, Dec. 3, to Mr and Mrs Walter Schuyler (Helen Carver) a daughter, Mary Adelaide.

'12 Helen Reed has recently moved. New address 2343 N. Meridian st.

'14-ex Lucy Hughes visited us last week, and attended the Butler-Earham basketball game.

Bernice and Marjory Hall went to Cincinnati Jan. 12 to attend a $\Delta T \Delta$ dance.

We had with us for the luncheon, Nell Reed '11; Beulah Meek '09-ex; Fern Brendel Metzker (Mrs Roy) '09-ex, and Rose Dickerson.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Examinations were no sooner over and vacation begun than we all started in washing windows and beating rugs and doing all the endless tasks that the alumnae will remember were connected with between semesters house-cleaning. While our house is in its twice yearly clean state we are going to entertain at a high tea our patronesses, who have been very nice to us.

February 5 we are planning to have our initiation banquet, when we will initiate our seven freshmen, all of whom passed their work, thus winning the right to be initiated. During the vacation the annual Panhellenic formal to which only upperclassmen can go will be given and on the same night, the freshmen give an informal which they call the "Sorehead party."

Next semester the rest of our freshmen will move to the house while Agnes Porter completes her course and returns home. We are all sorry to see Agnes go for she has taken a most active part in chapter life while she has been in college.

Three new buildings are almost ready for classes; they are the Transportation the Ceramics, and the Commerce buildings. To the Women's building an addition has been built that will add several new courses to the Household science college.

1 February 1913

Florance King

'12 Mayme Baldwin has charge of the high school lunch room at Rockford, Ill. where 400 students lunch each day. She writes: "I like the work very much and hope to continue in it"; also "I hope to go to convention at Minnewaska."

'08 Address of Minnie Parker Stults (Mrs E. E.) is 1716 Columbus ave. Wilmette, Ill.

'08-ex Born, Jan. 5, 1913, to Mr and Mrs E. J. Haase (Virginia Taylor) a son, Richard Joseph.

'08 Born, Jan. 8, 1913 a daughter, Frances Gridley, to Mr and Mrs Henry Helfrich (Clara Gridley). Address: 718 Overlook, Portland, Oreg.

'08 Louise Shipman Wagner (Mrs Fritz) spent two weeks with us while attending the Short course at the university.

'10-ex Mildred Lawrence Wheeler (Mrs Arthur) spent the week end of Jan. 26 with us.

'11-ex A daughter, born to Mr and Mrs Sidney Castle (Margaret Major) Minneapolis, Minn.

'13 The engagement is announced of Adeldide Cassingham to Roy Edwards, Θ Δ X, Urbana, Ill.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY

With mid-year examinations a thing of the past, Epsilon is awaiting somewhat anxiously February 10, when she will learn whether or not she is to continue her existence. Fraternity life was progressing smoothly, when wholly unexpectedly, a request from the faculty to each fraternity, men's and women's asked it to hand in its charter and cease its existence. The reason for this request is briefly this: Mr. L. H. Severence, of New York, who since the university fire in 1891 has been Wooster's most substantial and faithful benefactor, after considering the fraternity question for six years, has reached the conclusion that fraternities are an evil, and that consequently, so long as they remain in Wooster, he can lend no further support. He communicated his decision as final, to President Holden, not asking that the fraternities be requested to withdraw, but that his name be dropped from the list of Wooster's donors. This caused great consternation to President Holden and the faculty, because they consider that the welfare of Wooster is dependent upon Mr. Severence; that without his support, Wooster shall not only be at a standstill, but shall be unable to meet its expenses; that if they refuse

Mr. Severence's support at this time, they lose a million dollars for the institution—part of this sum to be given by Mr. Severence directly, and the remainder to be conditioned upon his gift. In consideration of these facts the fraternities were requested by the faculty to withdraw in favor of Mr. Severence. Of course, each fraternity was eager to do what it thought would be for the best interest of the college. Unfortunately, opinions differed and we found it necessary to respond individually to this request. Delta Delta Delta offered to resign its charter, Theta offered a conditional resignation; the remainder refused to hand in their charters. Consequently, the question has been referred to the trustees for final decision. They will make the choice between Mr. Severence and the fraternities. Naturally we should be very glad to have them decide that we are indispensable, but whatever their decision may be, we hope that it may mean the best permanent welfare to the institution.

But even so trying a situation as this brought us some pleasure,—it brought us a visit from Miss Bigelow of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who came as Mrs. Stone's representative. Anybody might be truly proud to claim Miss Bigelow as her representative.

Although the atmosphere has not been very conducive to fraternity parties, the thirteen town alumnae entertained most delightfully at dinner several weeks ago in honor of Epsilon and her friends. February 8 we expect to give a reception in our hall for the alumnae and mothers. This reception is a postponed celebration of Founders'-day. Epsilon sincerely hopes that she may celebrate many more Founders'-days in Wooster.

1 February 1913

Mary N. Mateer

Born, Oct. 24, 1912, to Mr and Mrs Ernest Skeel (Hazel Emery) a son, Willard Emery.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

We had a jolly Christmas celebration and received, from our friends and alumnae, many lovely presents for the house. We are very sorry to say that our chaperon, Mrs. Vedder, has been ill since Christmas, but we hope to have her with us again in a few weeks. We have

missed her greatly, but our patronesses and Thetas living in town, have been extremely kind in coming over to chaperon us in her absence.

Helen Baker and Florence Wilson, two pledges, will enter school this semester; and Marie Maloney, who had to leave during the first semester on account of ill-health, is also expected back, which will make thirty in the active chapter. We also have a new pledge, Margaret Vogel, of Chelsea.

Gamma Phi Beta has just moved into a beautiful new house.

Local Panhellenic is trying to adopt new rushing rules, setting pledge day three weeks after the opening of the second semester. Eta hopes that this will be adopted and that written invitation will be secured.

A new system of junior advisers has been started. Each member of the faculty has a group of freshmen in his charge, and for each group, a junior is appointed to be friendly adviser to the freshmen of that group. In this way it is hoped to foster a friendly feeling between sister classes. Faculty teas are another innovation, by which it is possible for the faculty ladies and the college girls to become better acquainted.

This year, instead of giving the annual Michigan Union Opera in the fall, it will be given in the spring just before Easter vacation.

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Emily M. Gilfillan

'02 Born to Mr and Mrs Alfred Kammerer (Laura Eames) a son, Nov. 1912.

'03 Born to Mr and Mrs Walter Steele (Helen Post), a daughter Helen, Oct. 1912.

'99 Anna Drummond was visiting in Ann Arbor the week before Christmas vacation.

'06 Born to Mr and Mrs William Rose (Jessie Obetz) a daughter, Jan. 1913.

'12 Helen Pyle is spending the winter in Paris, where Louise Tuthill '12 and Ruby Scott '13-ex will join her.

We were delighted by a visit from Miss Elsie Rizer, sister of Isabelle Rizer '14, who is playing with Faversham in Julius Caesar, and who stopped over on her way to Detroit.

'05 Born to Mr and Mrs Lloyd A. Rawland, (Grace Hills) Sept. 1912, a daughter. Address: 907 Johnstone ave. Bartlesville, Okla.

'07 Born to Dr and Mrs Verdier, (Louise Hills) June 1912, a daughter Ellen. Address: Mancelona, Mich.

'07-ex Regina Kingman is teaching in Boise, Idaho. Address: 4060 O'Farrell.

'08 Mr and Mrs Henry Brewer (Mabel Mason) sail for Europe early in March. They expect to be gone four months.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs Geo. H. Brown, (Mary White), Jan. 7, 1913, a son, Herbert Drayer.

'08 Mrs. Mary Stockbridge has announced the engagement of her daughter, Margaret, to Rob't Whitman of Binghamton, N. Y.

'08-ex Mr and Mrs Rob't Sinclair (Ruth Manville), have moved from Flint to Jackson, Mich. Address: 47 W. Westley st.

'06 Esther Harmon is teaching German in Columbia University.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Peace and regular rotation of college life have at last settled upon Iota, after the disturbance of rushing. Old members, graduates, and new sisters are all enjoying our chapter meetings which are both social and business, and which bring us together once a week at least.

After Christmas vacation we came back to the preparation for our final examinations. On January 27, we celebrated Founders'-day with a meeting at Mrs. Grace Caldwell Chamberlain's home.

In our chapter each upperclass member has a freshman to advise. The upperclassman sees about the freshman's university work, advises her in social lines and takes care of her through her first year or two of fraternity life. It is in this way we make the preparation for the fraternity examination easier. Each old girl is responsible for her freshman and uses her experience and knowledge to fill out the little places, over which an inexperienced girl would go unnoticed. This relationship has been found very satisfactory and pleasant, especially during the first summer after the freshman year. Older girls write to each other and keep each other informed about their freshmen passing all the news, so that all members hear and know what others are doing.

During the week, following our university examinations, the junior week festivities took place. Several of our girls went to the various house-parties given by the men's fraternities. Shortly before this,

eight of us went on a house-party in a small country town not far from here, where we enjoyed quiet rest, sleighing, skiing and bobbing.

This week is Farmer's week, for the New York state college of agriculture. It is given especially for the benefit of the neighboring farmers and their families, and it is very interesting to all students taking part in the domestic science course here. Illustrated lectures with demonstrations are being given during the week on all agricultural and domestic problems by the professors in that college.

10 February 1913

Susan May Bontecou

Alice Dickinson Harper (Mrs Paul) has been confined to her home in Seattle some months with arterial rheumatism.

'16-ex Margaret Coate of New York city, was visiting here during weeks of Jan. 12 and 19.

'12 Margaret E. Mandeville is visiting in Duluth, Minn.

Mrs Anna Botsford Comstock has returned from California where she spent the last six weeks.

'83 Pauline Shepard has gone to Stanford University as chaperon for Phi.

'12 Margaret Connor has a position as Scientific assistant in the Office of field investigations in pomology, Department of agriculture. Address: 3149 Mt. Pleasant st. N. W. Washington, D. C.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS

Our annual Christmas dinner, given just before the holidays, was great fun. The gifts were distributed after the table was cleared, accompanied by verses which caused much amusement. Several presents for the house were received, among them a fireside chair from the active chapter.

On January 10 the Theta spring party was given in Fraternal aid. The hall was made attractive by davenport, shaded lamps, ferns and palms, while carnations decorated the tables in the dining-room. Eighty couples were entertained with dancing.

In accordance with a Kappa custom, three engagements have been announced recently by the presenting of five pound boxes of candy from the fortunate men. Our latest are Adine Hall to John Stoltz of Ottumwa, Iowa, Pauline Murray to Asa Black, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$, of Wellington, Kansas, and Bessie Anderson to Frank Pryor of Lawrence.

Kansas university has a new organization that is proving very

popular, a Girls' glee club. It is under the direction of the professor of voice. One Theta is manager, while four are in the club. Two Thetas were in the Red domino production, a musical comedy and one of the freshmen had a part in the Masque club's play.

Founders'-day banquet was held at the chapter house January 25. It was especially enjoyable since it is the first time that we have been able to have it in our own home. About seventy Thetas gathered around the beautifully decorated tables where the old songs were sung again and tales retold. Ethel Chalkley presided as toast-mistress and Beatrice Neumuller, Mrs. Cone, the Wilhelmi twins, and Mrs. Ellison responded to toasts.

On January 18 Florence Fugua, a junior in the college, was initiated.

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Marian Bedford

'93-ex Mrs Culbertson (Mayme Barrett) was at the house for a short visit.
'03 Ann Warfield is traveling in California with her mother. She expects to return in the spring.

'08 Born to Mrs Herbert Rankin (Alice Templin) a daughter.

'09 Elizabeth Laird of Kansas City visited the chapter for a few days.

'09 The engagement of Georgia Smart to Thomas Purton of Minneapolis, Kan. has been announced.

'10 Hazel Allison is at home in Clay Center having resigned her position in Hiawatha.

'10 Edna Gafford Porter (Mrs George) has moved to 2624 Benton Boul. Kansas City, Mo.

'12 The engagement of Myra Rogers to Amos Smith Σ X, is announced.

'12 Lena Morrow was married to Everett Blair Sutton Jan. 14. They have left for California where they will make their home.

'15-ex Announcement is made of the engagement of Mildred James and Jack Harris, Σ X.

Guests of Kappa for the spring party were Nellie Taylor, Lucile Topping, Gale Gosset, Maxae Buechle, Ann Warfield, Marguerite Stone.

Nell Carraher may return in Feb. to complete her work in the university.

Those here for the Founders'-day banquet were: Ethel Chalkley, Edith Barnett, Gale Gossett, Nell Carraher, Mrs Mary Stone Ellison, Mrs Alice Sinclair Belt, of Kansas City, Gertrude Reed, Mrs Edith Davis Bowen, Mrs S. W. Watson (Delta) of Topeka, Mrs Lou Havins Jackson of Minneapolis, Kan. and Mrs Alice Rankin Gafford of Oak Hill, Kan.

Mary Glead is studying domestic science at the State agricultural college.

Alice Bartell Morris (Mrs F. W. B.) and Ellen Bartell Westgate (Mrs W. W.) of Seattle are spending the spring with their father in Kansas.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT

Lambda takes pleasure in announcing the initiation January 19, of Ruth Brownell '13, Spirit Lake, Iowa, and Marjorie Reed '15, Essex Junction, Vermont.

Just previous to the Christmas vacation the whole college was saddened by the sudden death of Professor Stetson, professor of German. He was an ardent supporter of college athletics and all other student activities. His loss is mourned alike by faculty and students. The university has been especially fortunate in securing as temporary successor to Professor Stetson, the Harvard Exchange professor from Berlin.

Mary Winslow '13, was summoned home because of the serious illness and death of her father. Much to our pleasure, Mrs. Winslow has returned with her daughter and will be near us the rest of the year.

There has been a pleasant succession of enjoyable receptions and gatherings of the college girls since Christmas. January 5 all college women were invited to meet Miss Woodhull, Dean of women at Bates college, who was visiting the state universities of the east. The following Saturday evening, the three fraternities gave up their meetings and joined the other girls in a social gathering at Grassmount, as guests of Miss Terrill, Adviser of women. Several of the faculty joined in giving a most interesting and appreciative reading of Rostand's *Les Romanciers*.

January 19, the ladies of the faculty entertained at Grassmount. Miss Margaret Healey '01, of Rutland gave an interesting talk on *Educational work among the Indians*. We were glad to have Miss Healey and several other alumnae with us the evening of initiation.

A new arrangement is in force by which all examinations are given in the gymnasium this mid-year; thus centralizing the work and tending to greater efficiency in administration.

We hope to see you ALL at convention!

'99-ex Marian McIntyre Loudon (Mrs Guy) has been visiting recently at Wells River.

'01 Miss Margaret Healey, Rutland, visited Mabel Nelson Jacobs (Mrs E. C.) while in Burlington.

'13-ex Helen Daniels was home for initiation.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE

On December 7, Mu pledged the following girls, Helen Adams, a Theta sister, Meadville; Alice Hawkey, Tidioute, Pennsylvania; Agnes McMahon, Erie; Marion Miller, Erie; and Faye Neale, a Theta sister, Reynoldsville, Pennsylvania.

Our annual dinner for the pledges we gave in the chapter rooms the evening of December 10. The Mu Christmas-tree party, always a surprise arranged by the seniors, was held at Helen Dutton's and a merry time we had hunting out our gifts and reading aloud the "slams" in verse attached to each.

The initial college concert for this year was given by the Girls' glee club in the chapel December 14. One of the best features of the program were the readings by Miss Spalding, our Dean. Seumas MacManus entertained an appreciative audience of town and college people in the chapel December 16, with his inimitable Irish fairy tales and folk-lore.

A Panhellenic agreement has been passed regarding mid-term pledging of freshmen by the men's fraternities. The invitation must be formal and must be given to a faculty member for mailing. The invitation must be answered by "yes" or "no" on the reverse side.

On January 18 we were entertained by our pledges. During the course of a dinner, amid appreciative applause on our part, we heard ourselves frankly discussed and our leading foibles brought to light in a humorous and entertaining manner. At the close of this mock dinner-party, at which we were but onlookers, the chapter was presented with a beautiful mahogany tray and glasses. We then enjoyed a real spread given by the pledges.

We welcome with heartfelt warmth into our chapter life Mary Sansom '08-ex, who is returning to complete her college course.

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Gay Kellogg

Mrs Herbert Brightman is living in Columbus, Ohio.

'01 Emma Edson spent the Christmas vacation in Brooklyn, N. Y. with her sister, Julia Edson Fradenburgh (Mrs A. G.)

'07 Katherine Adams McCune (Mrs W. H.) spent the holidays with her parents in Meadville.

'08 Jane Dermitt spent the holidays at her home in Meadville.

'08 The engagement is announced of Wahnita Danford to G. E. Jones of Newark, N. J.

'08-ex Mary Sansom spent two days in Dec. with her sister, Dorothy Sansom '13.

'11 Helen Murray was in Meadville Dec. 19 for the Quill club banquet.

'11-ex Mae Straw was with us Dec. 7 for the pledging service.

'12 Florence McElwain visited the chapter recently.

'13 Helen Dutton spent the holidays at Annapolis, Md. as the guest of her brother, Lieutenant Dutton.

'13 Beulah Grauel was at her home in Aspinwall the greater part of Dec. on account of the illness of her mother.

'99 Born, Oct. 15, 1912, to Mr and Mrs Wm. H. Pratt (Belle Barholemew) a son.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

We have a delightful feeling of relief, for our rushing parties ended last week. Pledging does not take place till February 15, at the earliest, so we still have a long period of suspense before us.

Our final stunt was a cotillion at the beautiful new home of Georgia Field and we feel that it was a grand success. At any rate, if the rushees enjoyed themselves as much as the Thetas did, we could ask for nothing better. We had worked hard on our favors but the rushees seemed to appreciate them so much that we felt repaid for our labor. The favors for the girls were crêpe paper hats, muffs, ruffs, and directoire sticks.

On Friday and Saturday evenings, December 13 and 14, we gave our first informal dances at the chapter house. We had been so busy with rushing that we couldn't even think of giving parties for our own enjoyment before that time.

February 22 the Junior-senior prom, the biggest formal of the college year, will be given. Ruth Bridenbaugh is on the committee and tells us that we have a great deal to look forward to.

Recently an intersorority basketball league was formed.

Louise Bedwell

'06 Born, Jan. 22, to Mr and Mrs Yale Bryant Huffman (Martha Cline) a daughter, Mary Katharine.

'07 A son, Ellery Jr. was born to Mr and Mrs Ellery Daivs (Camille Hall) Dec. 20.

'09 Helen Day and Sheldon Coon, Δ T Δ, were married Jan. 4. They will live in Norfolk, Neb.

'11 Florence Dutton recently announced her engagement to Barton Green, Σ A E.

'13-ex Marguerite Lloyd was married to Earl Hughes on Jan. 22. After a few weeks in Kansas City, they will be at home in Fairmont Neb.

'99 Born, to Mr and Mrs K. C. Randolph (Leola Vancil) Nov. 3, 1912 a son, Allan.

SIGMA—TORONTO UNIVERSITY

Pledge day was December 9, and we pledged six splendid girls, all in the freshman year. They are Phyllis Anderson (a sister of Alice Anderson) Toronto; Helen D'Avignon, Windsor; Marjorie Hall, Port Credit; Kathleen Gower, Toronto; Helen McMillan, London; and Marjorie Ross, London. The pledge service was held in the chapter room in the afternoon of December 19.

In the second week after the Christmas holidays, our District president, Miss Potts, visited us. She was in the city for only a few days, but even in the short time we were able to have a number of very enjoyable parties. We were so glad to have her with us, and she gave us many helpful suggestions.

During Miss Potts's visit, on January 18, we had initiation at Alice Anderson's home. Besides the active chapter, which is now larger than it has ever been, there were quite a number of alumnae present. Mabel Millman Hincks made a splendid toast-mistress, and all the speeches were so good. Altogether it was a lovely party, and we enjoyed ourselves so much.

On Saturday, February 1, we are to have a luncheon in celebration of Founders'-day. We are hoping that a great many alumnae will be able to be with us.

The new Household science building, which has been given to the university by Mrs. Lillian Massey Treble was formally opened January 28. It is a most beautiful building and splendidly equipped.

30 January 1913

Jean B. Tom

'04 Lee Edward B. A., M. D. is practising in New York city. Address: 150 E. 35th st.

'04 Maud L. Menten B. A., M. D. is studying in Berlin, Germany.

'07 Born Dec. 30, 1912 to Mr and Mrs Coutts (Bertha Bastedo) a son, David.

'09-ex Jessie C. Mac Curdy has announced her engagement to Mr Alexander McMurray of Montreal.

'10-ex Dora Mavor is now playing in New York.

'10-ex Mrs Stephens (Hazel Kemp) of Montreal is visiting in Toronto.

'10 Mrs Lang (Kathleen McAllister) of Sault Ste. Marie is visiting in Toronto. Her Sault, Ste. Marie address is 277 Pim st.

'11 Mary Kentner is home from the west and is going abroad.

Louise Carpenter '05, Ida M. Carpenter '09, and Olive Mae Kay '10 were in Toronto for initiation.

'10-ex Dorothy Dean Tate is again in Toronto at 94 St. George st.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY

If this letter tinges of pessimism, it is because we are in the thrall of semester examinations. You all have them, so you understand how every thing of interest, fraternity meetings, social events, classes, basketball games, *everything*, just *stops*, while you go into seclusion to burn the proverbial midnight oil. The best we can do is to remember past joys.

We had a merry Christmas party this year, in fraternity hall—a party with a funny, fat, little Christmas-tree, marvelously decorated, and a funnier, fatter Santa Claus, who distributed gifts, the most distinctive feature of which was generally the poetry attached to them.

Our greatest event this year has been a reception to all college women. On the afternoon of January 11., we entertained five hundred people at the home of Miss Alta Miller, one of our alumnæ. The house was decorated with Killarny roses and palms, and the music was a stringed orchestra, harp, violin and cello. Miss Blanchard, Eta, acting Dean of women, Mrs. Holgate, wife of the Dean, Alta Miller, Helen Crawley, Sarah Wheelock and Dorothy Martin received the guests.

Monday night January 13, after the regular fraternity meeting, the freshmen staged their annual stunt. Myrtle Erickson starred in the role of a frenzied bachelor in quest of the lady of his heart's desire. Vivian Ditto wrote a song for the occasion, a mournful, catchy, little song which we are all learning to sing.

Tau extends best wishes to all for the new semester.

1 February 1913

Margaret Dana Wilcox

'12 Ruth Ward has returned from abroad and is now attending the Northwestern school of music.

The engagement of Josephine Webster to Walter Strong, B Θ II, has been announced. They are to be married in the spring.

'11 Catherine Wilson spent the Christmas holidays in Evanston.

'11-ex Louise Chapman Reimbold has been visiting in Evanston.

Marguerite Pratt is still in the hospital, in Rochester, Minn.

Alice Ward is taking the Y. W. C. A. training course in New York city.

Ten of the Tau girls attended the Founders'-day luncheon at Marshall-Field's tea room, Jan. 18.

'10 Mary Ward Holton has been in Chicago during the engagement of Sothern and Marlowe, with whom she has been playing. Jan. 12 Louise Nichols entertained the active chapter in her honor.

'13-ex Margaret Holton is coming to Evanston about Feb. 17, for an extended visit.

Born, Jan. 23, 1913, to Mr and Mrs C. P. Parkhurst (Isabel Wells) a son, Charles Perry, jr. Address: 1700 Clifton ave. Columbus, Ohio.

Born, Jan. 11, 1913, to Dr and Mrs I. B. Greene (Mabel Currer) a son, Robert Currer.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

The holiday season, with its jolly respite from class-room worry and study, is over, and Upsilon is now stretching every intellectual fiber on the home stretch of the first semester. Examinations with menacing frowns and terrifying whispers, loom up before us just two weeks distant. Upsilon has a record to keep this year, as well as one to break. The college year of 1911-12 honored Minnesota Thetas with first rank in scholarship among all the fraternities. In a comparative statement, printed by university authorities, of scholastic standing of all fraternities according to the per cent of subjects carried with a clear record, Theta claimed the highest percentage of 98.04.

But theses and examinations galore, are not *all* that claim Upsilon's time and energy. January 18 is the date for the Kappa Alpha Theta vaudeville, to be given on the campus to our friends and alumnae. No effort has been spared in sifting out Upsilon's latent talent and versatility. The leading *masculine* role, in a one act farce entitled *Mr. Sprigg's little trip to Europe* will be most modestly, but none the less artistically, rendered by an active Theta in a *bath robe*. *Curfew*

shall not ring tonight will be sensationally recited by a concealed Theta identity in a grotesque costume. With two such "headliners", Upsilon anticipates a liberal profit, the whole of which will be placed in the chapter's house-furnishing fund.

Impressed with her singular aptitude for dramatic art and theatrical management, Upsilon will carry this same idea into her plans for the banquet on Founder's-day. "The Stage" with all its foot-light glare will illumine the Toast program, and Shakespeare's analogy "All the world is a stage, and all the men and women merely actors; They have their exits and their entrances, and one man in his time plays many parts," will be whittled down to fit Theta dimensions.

Upsilon ventures a belated New Year's greeting to all chapters, east and west. May 1913, though unlucky in number, prove to every Theta a delightful succession of fruitful, inspiring and helpful days.

13 January 1913

Luella M. Bussey.

'09 Eleanor Jones visited the chapter house over the holidays.

'10 Jule Thuet Villaume (Mrs Louis) has just moved into her new home, 172 Prospect Terrace, St. Paul.

'11-ex Born to Audrey Homen Saxton (Mrs Robert) a son.

'12-ex Dorthy Humes was married to Mr Clyde Emerson Parker January 2 at the Leamington Hotel, Minneapolis.

'12-ex Henrietta Raudenbush was home from Chicago for the holidays.

'13-ex Arline Webster visited Minneapolis before the holidays, and stayed a week at the chapter house.

'14 Laura Merrill will move to Boston for permanent residence sometime in February.

'14 Helen Knowlton who has been ill for two months in the hospital with appendicitis, is now fully recovered and able to be around.

Laura Lotze, Alpha Rho, visited Upsilon in December during the illness of her sister, Hazel Lotze.

Charlotte Hall is now on her way home to Honolulu.

Ruth Haynes Carpenter (Mrs Leslie) will spend the next two months at Santa Fe, the Isle of Pines.

Born, Nov. 22, 1912, to Mr and Mrs W. D. Garland (Cecile Enegren) a daughter, Catherine. The Garland's are now making their home at 4741 7th ave. N. E. Seattle, Wash.

'04 Born to Helen Aldrich Kleeberger (Mrs F. L.), a daughter, Nov 18.

'04 Ruth Leonard Donaldson (Mrs A. H.) has returned to Minneapolis from New Mexico and lives at 1067 15 ave. S. E.

'10-ex Born to Emily Hydes Yates (Mrs L. A.) a daughter.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY

There were thirty-three in our chapter when college re-opened this month, but two Christmas freshmen we could not afford to miss, so on January 24 we added to our roll Marie Colley, of Los Gatos, and Florence Stuart, of Los Angeles. The presence of a number of neighboring alumnæ, five affiliates, and two girls from our sister chapter Omega, lent this initiation an especially intimate atmosphere of "mutual interests" between representatives of Theta from six colleges.

We have been fortunate in again obtaining as chaperon a Theta, Miss Shepard of Cornell, which university also sent us one of our affiliates this year.

But just at present we are particularly happy, as Stanford women, in the success of Saturday night, when Cap and gown, women's honor society for college activities, put on, in the interest of the Women's club house, a uniquely advertized Pre-Panama exposition, including every species of booth known to modern science, and a complete Midway—the concession of the dormitory girls. Over a thousand dollars were taken in, in nickles and dimes.

As to other college affairs, baseball is not in really good working order yet; the first play of the semester—Sword and sandals' production of *The only way* is scheduled for February 7, one of our members starring in the mob-scene; Betty Taff '15, is to play ingénue in *On the quiet*, the sophomore play; and this afternoon the first straw hat of the season marched proudly down to Quad, so spring is doubtless here. Therefore we chose this particular season of the year to install steam-heat all over the house, and now expect to do great things, the popular and indisputable excuse of cold feet being no longer relevant. "Watch our ad column."

27 January 1913

Gladys W. Briggs

'08 Elizabeth Russell is accompanying Miss Vickery our house-mother, for a year and a half, in Italy.

'10 Born to Mr and Mrs Raymond Wheeler (Lucille Ozier) a daughter, January, 1913.

'13 Ada Ahlswede, who left college last semester supposedly to "remain at home", announces her engagement to James Peiper, formerly of Stanford.

'09 Florence Burrel, has taken the position of assistant at the women's gymnasium for the semester, after which she will go abroad.

'98 Mr and Mrs Homer Laughlin, jr. (Ada Edwards) and small son, sail for Japan March 1. They will spend three months touring the Orient.

'98 L. Pearle Green and mother are spending February and March in Houston, Texas. They have enjoyed many pleasant hours with Mr and Mrs P. C. Edwards (Georgiana Lyman) whose home is in Houston.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

Just before the holidays Tambourine and bones gave an operetta called *Wistaria*, for the benefit of the crew fund. The artistic costumes, designed and made by students of the painting department, added much to the success of the production.

During the vacation, Ruth Morrison gave a Theta luncheon for ten Chi girls living in or near New York city. Here in Syracuse, twenty-two members of Nu alumnae took possession of the chapter house for an afternoon and evening, in which they enjoyed themselves right royally.

Since we were deprived of junior week, this year, three days were allowed between semesters for the senior festivities. Boar's head gave a college play, called *Broke*, written and coached by Louis Parmenter, Syracuse '11; it is said to be the best comedy given here for some time. An unusually large number of out-of-town guests attended the ball.

Though our Founders'-day celebration had to be postponed, we had a huge birthday cake and received two silver sugar spoons in honor of the day. A recent un-birthday gift was a book of poems by the Reverend George A. Ackerman, the father of Edith Ackerman-Dawson '08 and Edna Ackerman-Greathead '10. We were delighted to have Miss Abbie Potts with us again, if only for a short time, and to have her meet Miss Elvira Clark, our new chaperon.

The university women at last have student government; its success this semester will mean its permanent establishment here.

Delta Gamma is the first of the Syracuse fraternities to announce the adoption of sophomore pledging. Alpha Phi has deferred initiation until the first semester's work had been completed.

A course in photography has been established in the college of Fine arts.

30 January 1913

E. Fern Manier.

'05 Harriet Disbrow is spending the winter abroad. Address; c/o American Express Co. 11 Rue Scribe, Paris, France.

'07 Born, at Constantinople, Turkey, Jan. 15, 1913, to Mr and Mrs D. A. Davis (Maud Merritt) a child, Shirley Davis.

'01 Olivia Pratt of New York city attended the last meeting of Nu alumnae.

'05 Lola Louther of North Yakima, Wash. is spending the winter with Mrs H. C. Wilkinson.

'06 Chi recently received a B. H. H. in announcement of Clara Carson's engagement to Frank Dana Clarke.

'08 Lila Rockwell has resigned her position at Glen Cove, L. I. as she is soon to marry Earnest Dalton. They expect to live in Syracuse.

'09 Eloise Andrews-Woolever (Mrs Harry) is living in Orville, N. Y.

'10 Edna Ackerman Greathead (Mrs J. F.) was a recent guest at the chapter house.

'11 Mr and Mrs Charles Leonard (Lillian Leonard) are living in Bloomsburg, Pa.

'11 May Wilcox recently spent Sunday with us.

'11 Sophia Steese of Batavia, N. Y. visited the chapter house during senior week.

'12 Mary Clapp of Beaver Dam, Wis. spent two days with us before the holidays.

'12 Juna B. Hix stopped at the chapter house on her way home from Caledonia.

'12 Some of the pupils of Bessie Wands, who has established elocution classes in the Glen Cove high school, recently presented a very successful play.

'13-ex We were very glad to have a visit from Alison Close, who is studying at Oswego normal school.

'15 Edith Wiles has announced her engagement to Claud Bierman of St. Johnsville, N. Y.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN

Now, as we are sending off our chapter letter, we girls of Wisconsin are buried deep in final examinations; but we can at least look back to the pleasant times we have been having in the past weeks, and take some comfort. In December we had a most delightful matinéé dance at the house. We made a Christmas party of it, and had a beautiful tree with joke gifts for all, both Thetas and guests. This did not, however, take the place of our annual chapter Christmas tree, which we had this year at the home of Mrs. C. E. Buell, not long before the holidays. The present on the tree which pleased

us the most, and came as a surprise to all but a very few who could scarcely wait to tell us the secret, was a gift of one hundred dollars for new furnishings, from Mrs. W. S. Mason (Mary Anna Evans) of Evanston, Illinois. Before the evening was over, the girls had planned ways of spending the money several times over, but it has since been placed in the hands of a reliable committee to determine which of our needs and desires are to be fulfilled. On January 16 the seniors had a jolly time at the home of Mrs. E. R. Stevens, where they were invited for luncheon; special mock honors were conferred upon all the girls, and each one wrote a Wisconsin song.

On February 6 the university junior play is to be given. It will be the first stunt for the prom house-parties. *Nan*, the play of this year, is unusually clever; it is written by Burdette Kinne, a university man, and is full of local hits. Two Thetas, Gladys Miller and Josephine Glidden, have parts in the play.

29 January 1913

Ada Pence

'92 Genevieve Pugh Peats (Mrs Alfred) has an apartment in Paris for the winter. She spent the Christmas holidays in New York city, but returned to Paris in Jan. Address: 3 rue Eugene Labiche, Paris.

'94 Helen J. Kellogg succeeds Miss Pauline Shepard, Iota, as secretary and treasurer of the Madison Theta building association. Address: 507 Carroll st.

'94 Madge Sexton Coleman (Mrs M. A.) has a change of address to: 389 16th st. Portland, Ore.

'94 The address of Anna Strong Parkinson (Mrs John M.) was given incorrectly in a previous number of the Journal. Her correct address: 2240 Rowley ave.

'95 Juliet Harris Brigance (Mrs D.) is spending the winter on their ranch in Brazoria county, Tex.

'95 Grace Loomis of La Crosse, Wis. died in December in Rochester, N. Y. after an operation. She had been an invalid for a number of years, and by her cheerfulness and courage had won many friends who will feel deeply the loss of her inspiring personality.

'98 E. Alice Carleton Meyer (Mrs B. S.) should be addressed: Highland Manor, Wisconsin ave. Washington, D. C.

'00 Josephine Bowden's address is: 208 S. Fourth st. Mankato, Minn.

'02 The address of Anna Yeoman Reed (Mrs J. A.) is: 1718 E. Pine st. Seattle, Wash.

'04 Leila Pugh is spending the winter with her sister, Mrs Alfred Peats,

in Paris. She was in Switzerland for the holidays, but has returned to Paris.
Address: 3 rue Eugene Labiche.

'05 Sara Goe of Chicago, Ill. is visiting her sister, Ruth Goe Welton (Mrs R.) of Madison, for a few weeks.

'05 Ethel Godwin Phenix (Mrs Wm.) is living in Redmond, Ore.

'05 The address of Dawn Waite Young (Mrs Evan E.) is: 544 S. Main st. Belvidere, Ill.

'06 Elise Dexter, '07 Frances McIntosh, and '11 Hester Harper were in Madison for the Christmas holidays.

'07 Helen Gilman is to spend the first week of Feb. in Chicago and in Oregon, Ill. where she will visit Bess Hastings.

'08 Born, Jan. 30, 1913, to Mr and Mrs J. Watson (Ethel Churchill) a son.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs Arthur Benker (Charlotte Churchill) of Monroe, Wis. a daughter.

'10 Anna Shepard spent the month of Jan. in Mason City, Ia.

'10 Erma Wohlenberg will be in Madison for the Junior Prom, as a guest at the Phi Gamma Delta house-party.

'10 Marjory Strong, who is in South Bend, Ind. spent Christmas at her home in Dodgeville, Wis. Some of the Madison Thetas saw her when she passed through Madison.

'11 Beatrice Dayton of Mason City, Iowa, is in California for the winter.

'11 F. Leotta Van Vliet will be in Madison for the Junior Prom, at the Delta Kappa Epsilon house-party.

'12 Leila Peacock, of Oconomowoc, was in Madison the last of Jan.

'12 Olive Simpson of Shullsburg, visited the chapter in Jan.

'12 Edith Moore was in Madison the week-end of Jan. 24.

'13 Laura Gilman visited Hazel Josten '12, of La Crosse, during the Christmas holidays.

'13-ex Jessie Bonar was in Texas in Jan.

'14-ex The marriage of Pauline Fort and Mr Wm. Gill took place Jan. 1 in Kansas City.

'14-ex Ruth Hill was at the Thanksgiving parties at Culver.

'16-ex Madge Woodward of South Bend, Ind. is in Okmulgee, Okla.

Alpha Gamma alumnae was entertained in Dec. by Mrs E. A. Gilmore (Blanche Basye of Alpha), assisted by Mrs C. Thomas (Katherine Nash of Phi); and in Jan. by Miss Helen Kellogg, assisted by Mrs R. C. Hughes (Carrie Wilson of Epsilon).

Katherine Bigelow of Eta, head of the Physical training department at Michigan, visited Dr Hopkins of Madison between semesters.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

With this semester's opening came the enforcement of the new Panhellenic ruling, so that our pledges, Elinor Earl, Marian Fitz-

hugh, and Marian Christianson, cannot be initiated until after May when the scholarship reports come in.

At a mass meeting for woman students the Parthenia for this year was read. It is very beautiful and provides for a rich mediaeval costuming. In connection with this, dancing classes have been organized to which every one wishing to take part in the Parthenia must belong. Thus the dancing will be much more interpretative.

The Parthenia, in which the women alone participate, symbolizes the transition from girlhood to womanhood. It must be written by a woman student and is produced each spring. Last year witnessed the first production which was a great success.

Already plans are being made for the spring activities—track meet, baseball, interscholastic circus in which various schools participate for the raising of funds for their track meet here,—intercollegiate tennis and for the production of the English club's play. Senior week with its Extravaganza is also being looked forward to. On February 8 the Prytanean honor society for women will give its annual masked ball and fête: the proceeds will for the most part go toward the better housing of the women students. Preparations for Women's day, February 22, when the women take charge of the campus and its activities, are being made. Helen Waterman '14, Clotilde Grunsky '14, Leslie Wilde '15 and Dorothy Edinger '15 are on the staff of the issue of the *Occident* magazine which is to be edited by the women.

Our fraternity birthday party was a great success. The sophomores garbed as Indians, gave a playlet entitled *Ye Playe of Pocahontas and Captain John Smith* in which were many local hits. Many of the alumnae were with us. The chapter received many useful gifts, both in the form of furnishings and money.

26 January 1913

Constance Davis

'07 Cornelia Stratton Parker (Mrs Carl) has returned from a four years' residence in Germany where Mr Parker obtained his Ph. D. Her address is 2407 Bowditch st. Berkeley, Cal.

'11-ex Bernice Bronson will be married Feb. 22 to Roy Butler '12, X Φ.

'11 Elinor Baldwin will be married Feb. 28 to Sterry Lampson, K Σ.

'12 Martha Earl has announced her engagement to Donald Graham '12, $\Phi \Sigma K$.

'13-ex Marguerite Parr has announced her engagement to Samuel Johnson Taylor '07, $B \Theta \Pi$.

'14-ex Dorothea White did not returned to college this semester on account of ill health.

'16-ex Anna McCabe, who on account of ill health was obliged to leave college until next August, is studying at the junior college in Fresno, Cal.

'12 Helen Eames is staying at the house, preparatory to leaving for Honolulu.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE

Three of our freshmen, Isabel Jenkins, Marcia Doan, and Gladys Hall, were taken into Somerville literary society at the first call. This means, as all Swarthmorian know, that the highest average freshmen are chosen nearly as soon as they have proved their excellent scholarship, then, later in the year there is a second call for those with averages of "C" grade. On January 24, the juniors gave a play in honor of these new members in which Eleanore Lewis and Constance Ball took part. It was very successful.

The sophomore girls gave their annual play, January 18. It was very original and interesting with pretty costumes and "catchy" music. All Theta sophomores had rather important parts.

The local Panhellenic association has for several years had trouble deciding on a date for pledging. Last year Theta was so anxious for sophomore pledge-day and Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma and Delta Gamma so anxious for a much earlier date, that we thought the question would have to be settled by National Panhellenic. This year, therefore, we held an open meeting for all four chapters. This was to allow everyone, rather than just the Panhellenic delegates, to hear all arguments on both sides and to decide for the best of the college. However nothing was decided, but the meeting showed that Theta stood alone in her belief in the value of a late pledge-day, for many wanted even as short a time as ten days. A committee of the senior Panhellenic delegates was appointed to draw up plans to be considered for next year.

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Marjorie M. R. Gideon.

- '12 Mary Osgood is living with her sister at 3903 Walnut st. Philadelphia.
'12-ex Vernon Waddell Bassett (Mrs A. E.) has moved to 4939 Chester ave. Philadelphia.
'15-ex Virginia Hawkins has left college because of ill health.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Alpha Gamma is very, very busy now. Examinations are hanging over us and then, before we can catch our breaths, comes a ten day stretch of unlimited rushing which bids fair to be unusually strenuous. By 6:30 A. M. January 17 freshman girls were dated up for rushing parties to be given just one month from that time. Our program consists of luncheons, theatre parties, and several informal afternoon affairs, besides our big party. Panhellenic representatives drew for dates for the big parties and fortune favored us with Valentine's day. We have planned a dinner at one of the Country clubs and a cotillion afterwards with the appropriate valentine atmosphere and favors. Written invitations to fraternity membership will be sent out February 18.

Since our last letter we have a new pledge, Frances McKinney '14 of Marietta, whom we wish to introduce to you.

An anti-fraternity bill is soon to be introduced in the legislature and should it pass, fraternities in the three state colleges in Ohio will be abolished. The Men's Panhellenic has joined with alumni from all parts of the state to fight the measure. President Thompson of Ohio state has stated that he is in favor of fraternities remaining in the university. Fraternity men are confident that the bill will not pass.

Founders'-day was celebrated with a good oldfashioned dinner at Worthington, a quaint little town twelve miles from Columbus. After dinner, our alumnae entertained us with a "refined and high class" vaudeville show which we unanimously voted outshone any attraction ever produced in Mr. Keith's circuit.

Ohio State is very proud of her new \$250,000 library which has been occupied since the Christmas vacation. The building is fully equipped with a large reference room, music, periodical, art and literature rooms. The old library has been given over to the girls. Club rooms will be furnished and a room prepared for dancing.

Rivé King Bowman '14 and Hazel Shook '15 made the Stroller try-out and will take part in the annual play given by the dramatic club. It has not yet been decided what play will be given.

28 January 1913

Ruth Sigrist

'03-ex Meta Klie Nye (Mrs Ralph) of Cleveland, spent several days with her mother Mrs Charles Klie in Columbus.

'05 Susan Siebert has just returned home from Cleveland where she was the guest of Mrs Ralph Nye.

'06 Mignon Poste Prendergast (Mrs James) of Flushing, Ohio, has been visiting in Columbus.

'07 Born to Mr and Mrs Adolph Theobald (Edith Jackson) a son. Address: Gallion, O.

'09-ex Mary May Eckley (Mrs Fred) has a new address: 141 Wroe ave. Dayton, O.

'12-ex Florence Bradley is teaching kindergartening at the Institution for for blind in Columbus.

'12-ex Mary Louise Dun has just returned home after a short visit with Helen Sohl '14.

'12-ex Alpha Gamma sincerely sympathizes with Florence Badger whose brother died in Jan.

'13-ex Hazel Dolin Pontius (Mrs J. W.) is living in Columbus. Address: 169 N. 14 ave.

'13-ex Mabel Moore and Lawrence Loft, B Θ II, will be married Feb. 8. They will make their future home in Columbus.

'13-ex Marion McAllister and her mother are spending a few months in Mississippi.

'13-ex Ruth Huntington Carlile (Mrs Arthur) spent several days with her father in Cleveland recently.

'15 Katherine Jones will leave college at the end of this semester. She will remain in Columbus however until after Pledge-day.

'15 Florence Minister will remain at home next semester because of her mother's ill health.

'07 Born to Mr and Mrs Burt Kennedy (Frances Paterson) of Lake Forest, Ill. a son Douglas Paterson.

'09 Helen Mackall, of Barnesville, O. married Halbert Wilson, Δ X on Jan. 9. They will live in Cleveland.

Bertha Paterson Bond (Mrs Charles), of Brooklyn, N. Y. with her two sons, has been visiting in Columbus for the past two months.

Cornelia Miller Dietrick (Mrs Claude), of Ashtabula, O. spent the holidays with her parents here.

ALPHA DELTA—GOUCHER COLLEGE

Since our last letter, Goucher interests have been two-fold; basketball and the raising of the Goucher fund. In point of dignity, the Goucher fund should be mentioned first, for we now know that upon the completion of the million-dollar fund rests our very existence. Unless that amount is raised to pay off her debts and secure to her an endowment, Goucher will be obliged to close her doors next fall.

Many methods have been tried of placing the situation clearly before the citizens of Baltimore, and the most impressive of these was a College women's rally. At 8 P. M. a long, dignified processional of all the college women in Baltimore entered McCoy hall. All wore cap and gown, the Goucher undergraduates and alumnae carried their class-banners, and the alumnae of other colleges were distinguished by their respective hoods. The meeting was addressed by President M. Carey Thomas of Bryn Mawr college, and there was almost breathless silence, as in a keen, forceful manner, heightened by her charming personality, she reviewed for the audience the benefits which Goucher brings to Baltimore.

Quite different from this meeting, and yet with the same purpose in view, the class of 1915 presented the pantomime *Copélia*; the proceeds of which were given to the Goucher fund. Three Thetas figured in the cast.

The three interclass games which decide the basketball championship, were played off in December. Interest runs so high at this time, that the games have to be finished up inside of a week; we could not stand the suspense any longer. When the result of the first two games showed that 1913 and 1915, the old contestants of last year, were again to face each other, we knew that we were to have a good game. Each year 1913 had played in the championship game and lost, and here was her last chance to redeem herself. If enthusiastic yelling and singing could have won her the game, she would at last have been champion; but again fate was against her, and 1915 carried off the honors for the second time.

As an anticlimax to the seriousness of this contest came a burlesque game between two of the dormitories; the more the girls tumbled around, the more the onlookers cheered.

The three lectures provided for annually by the Laura Graham Cooper lecture fund, were of great interest this year. One, given by Mr. Magregor Jenkins, publisher of the *Atlantic monthly*, on *The making of a magazine* proved highly amusing as he delineated for us some of the trials of the much-unappreciated editor. The other two lectures, delivered by Dr. Richard G. Moulton, head of the department of general literature at the University of Chicago, were of a more serious nature. In one, Dr. Moulton explained a Greek drama, *Alkestis*; and by a change of facial and vocal expression, he interpreted for us the chorus and some of the characters. In his second lecture, he treated in the same manner Marlowe's *Dr. Faustus*. We all felt that, while attending a lecture we were in fact witnessing a great natural actor.

Elinor Annan was sent as the Goucher Young Women's Christian association representative to the Dedication services of the new National Young Women's Christian association building in New York.

During the week that the Sothern-Marlow company played in Baltimore, we had the unusual pleasure of entertaining at luncheon one of the cast, Miss Mary W. Holten, Tau '11. Miss Holten had so much to tell us of Northwestern, and of stage life, that we could scarcely tear away from her enough girls to attend to the chafing-dishes; and the oysters were so long cooking, that by the time luncheon was served, we felt that she was indeed our "intimate friend." Even the necessity of washing dishes and silver between courses, made this one of the most satisfactory informal Theta parties of the year.

Since Founders'-day comes in the rush of mid-years, our alumnae are going to serve tea in the Cosey-corner so that all Thetas may at least gather together on that day; and on the following Saturday night they are going to give us a regular party at the suburban home of Esther Donnelly Smith (Mrs. Robert T.) Psi '02.

19 January 1913

Dorothy Davis.

'02 Born, Dec. 5, 1912, to Dr and Mrs L. C. Bixler (Ida Evans) a daughter, Helen Elizabeth.

Born, Nov. 23, 1912, to Mr and Mrs G. O. Suppes (Marion Dibert) a

daughter, Sarah Ann Dibert. Mrs Suppes spent last June with Mrs E. A. Taylor (Margaret Hukell).

'05 Mr and Mrs Sidney R. Miller (Nell Miller) spent Christmas in New York city.

'08 Born to Mr and Mrs Samuel Thomsen (Adelaide Porter) Dec. 3, 1912, a son, Samuel Thomsen, jr.

'12-ex Winifred Kavanaugh and Margaret Gutelius visited Katherine Lindsay in Jan.

'13 Frances Clarke remained in Baltimore during the Christmas holidays, visiting Mary von Wyszceki, Helen Harrison, Emma Lou Dulaney, and Dorothy Davis.

'15 Frances Page stayed in Annapolis during the Christmas holidays with her two brothers who are cadets at the Naval academy.

'12-ex Margaret Gutelius was married to Dr Edwin Cunningham Town Jan. 29, 1913.

'12-ex Winifred Kavanaugh sailed for Europe Jan. 23; when she has completed her trousseau in Paris, she will go to London, where she will be married to Dr Hermann Kraus in Feb.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE

Before the Alpha Zeta girls separated for various festivities of the Christmas holidays they held an evening meeting, December 19, at the home of Bertha Junghaus '12. The meeting was followed by a very entertaining silhouette contest and trousseau shower for Emma Rapelye who has recently announced her engagement.

Among other gay times of the Christmas vacation the members of Alpha Zeta enjoyed nothing more than the party which Natalie Armstrong, our president, gave the active chapter January 4 at her home in Upper Montclair. The entertainment consisted of a delightful luncheon followed by bridge.

The return to college was celebrated by an "at home" to the active chapter of Kappa Kappa Gamma at the residence of Marguerite Kalt '13, January 11. It was a great success and well attended.

The same day the philanthropic and religious societies gave a novel party, a common sense entertainment. This was a Phoebe Snow dance, the subscription to which was one dollar. Evening gowns were tabooed. The girls wore white shirt waists and skirts, and violets. This common sense party was not only a financial success but one of the most delightful social events of the past semester.

Last fall the undergraduate society decided to establish the honor system. The new scheme, has not, as yet, been thoroughly worked out.

Through an unfortunate mistake the name of Helen Gilleaudeau '15, was omitted from the list of initiates in the December number of the JOURNAL.

Now that examinations are over the chapter is eagerly looking forward to making plans for convention and for welcoming our Theta sisters to Lake Minnewaska next June.

31 January 1913

Marguerite Allen

'12 Correction: The engagement of Emma L. Rapelye and Albert A. Somerville, Δ K E, DePauw '05, has been announced.

'10 Florence Lowther (Mrs Hugh), is assisting in the Zoology department and working for an M. A. in that subject.

'11 Penelope Girdner is working for an M. A. in French.

'11 Ottilie Prochazka is studying music at Teacher's college.

'13-ex Gladys Fugette is studying to be a bacteriologist in the New York City Board of health laboratories.

'13 Isabel Wheeler who has been working for an M. A. in zoology has returned to her home in Toledo and expects to teach in the high school there.

'02 Frances Belcher is spending several weeks this winter south.

'09 Evelyn Holt is spending a few weeks in Georgia.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY

We want you to know our new initiate, Darden Moose, from Little Rock, Arkansas. We feel very proud of her and of her athletic record. She is captain of the 1913 basketball team. The team has just been organized and we have two girls on it. They are scheduling games for February and March.

Founders'-day, with most of us, was spent standing examinations, but we all wore the colors under our pins so we had the spirit of the day nevertheless. Those of us who were fortunate enough not to have examinations spent the afternoon at the house getting the spread for that night ready. At six o'clock all the town alumnae and the active chapter came and we had a delightful time. One of our neighbors sent us a cake in honor of the occasion and this added much to the menu.

We were well remembered by our alumnae and friends. The Memphis alumnae sent us a beautiful mission writing table and chair, also a half dozen new song books. The latter we put into use immediately by singing *The Toast* just before the spread started, and later each one called for her favorite song. Some other gifts were towels, a hand-painted plate, and two silver filigree cologne bottles for our dressing table. We received many letters and telegrams in addition. We are always delighted to have messages from our alumnae, and especially on Founders'-day. As far as it is possible where several of our alumnae live in the same town they come together on Founders'-day. The Birmingham alumnae had a luncheon and the Memphis alumnae were together for the afternoon.

We are very glad to have Francis Slemmons back in college for the second semester.

28 January 1911

Mary Jo Harwell

Dr William Vaughn, father of Stella Vaughn, died on Dec. 17. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved family.

'16 Roberta Dillon is spending the month in Miami, Fla.

Stella Vaughn is visting Nannie Moore at McKenzie, Tenn.

ALPHA THETA—TEXAS STATE UNIVERSITY

The Alpha Theta girls returned January 3 from an enjoyable two weeks' Christmas vacation and started work with renewed zest.

On the evening of January 8 the freshmen entertained the chapter with the annual Christmas tree. Every girl received a particularly appropriate gift together with a poetic epistle explaining the reason thereof. It was all very clever and enjoyable.

On the evening of January 11 Alpha Theta initiated Nell Hauniman, De Rugeley Pearson, Helen Lidstone, Ethel Randall, Ethel Allen, Ethel Hibbs, Mary Leighton, and Louise Parmelee. After the initiation, we had our customary banquet at the Driskill hotel. There is something very attractive about any Alpha Theta banquet. Thirty-three Thetas were present at this one. Ethel Rather was toast-mistress. The toasts concerned the anti-fraternity movement now being agitated in Texas. They were clever and the responses equally so.

On January 26 Alpha Theta experienced all sorts of thrills in the

arrival of Miss Green our Grand secretary. It is the first time in the history of the chapter that we have had as a guest a grand officer and we were well aware of the importance of the occasion. We introduced Miss Green to our friends on the evening of January 27. The house was beautifully decorated; the library, containing the punch bowl, in red; the hall and parlor, in green; and the dining room was transformed into a trellised green bower with an occasional pink rose caught in the trellis. About three hundred guests called to meet Miss Green.

On the afternoon of January 30 Pi Beta Phi entertained with a tea. The same evening the Theta freshmen entertained the chapter with a pretty bridge party at the chapter house.

January 31 was held an open meeting of Panhellenic. The same evening the Rabbit's-foot club gave their annual dance. Miss Blake Gibbs lead the cotillion.

Miss Green left us on the morning of February 1 with the most urgent invitations to renew her visit.

During the early part of the term we put the colors on another freshman, Allie Hall of Wharton, Texas.

1 February 1913

Alice Otis Bird.

'12-ex Mary Agnes Wahrenberger is visiting Anne Thornton.

'11-ex Lynne Wooten is convalescing in the Infirmary after an operation for appendicitis.

ALPHA IOTA—WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY

On January 15 Alpha Iota was delightfully surprised by a telegram informing us that Miss Green was about to arrive. Although her visit was exceedingly short, the warmth of her personality and her encouraging message were a great inspiration. And we wish that we might more often be honored by visits from our Grand council.

What a relief it is to have finished our mid-semester examinations! Now we are anxiously awaiting the reports, especially those of the freshmen whom we expect to initiate on February 15. Both the active chapter and the *alumnæ* are eagerly awaiting this event. We postponed Founders'-day banquet in order that it might follow the initiation, so that our initiation will probably be the largest, most

inspiring affair in the annals of Alpha Iota. The initiation will take place at Ann Fisher's home and then we shall go to the Buckingham club for the banquet.

February 22 is another red letter day for Alpha Iota, the colonial tea which will be held this year at Elsie Hoolan's home.

There are several big college events, too, this month—the annual performance of our musical-comedy club, February 13, the Junior Prom, and the basketball games.

1 February 1913

Emma Thuener

'08-ex Mildred Spargo has announced her engagement to Mr Jacob Richard Schramm, $\Phi \Gamma \Delta$, Wabash College '06.

'12 Frances Clayton will soon fill a position in the library at Columbia, Mo.

'11-ex Irma Gruner is teaching in the grade schools at Birmingham, Ala.

Lucretia Whitehead of Rho Alumnæ visited Ann Fisher during the Christmas holidays.

ALPHA KAPPA—ADELPHI COLLEGE

Our initiation was held at the home of Mabel Marine, January 17, and we are very proud to introduce to you, two new Thetas: Agnes Haldane and Harriet Smith. The initiation was lovely and we were happy to have a number of the alumnæ with us that night.

Everyone has been extremely busy this week, taking the mid-year examinations. With the opening of the second term a number of new freshmen have entered. A Panhellenic meeting decided that there shall be free intercourse with the freshmen in college, but none whatsoever outside.

We are sorry to say that we have lost one of our sophomores Louise Moller, who, on account of ill-health, has been forced to give up college work.

Our alumnæ have just organized an alumnæ club; they are very enthusiastic about it and seem already to have come in closer touch than ever with our chapter.

We are all looking forward to a grand reunion of Thetas at the luncheon to be held next Saturday at the Marie Antoinette, New York.

1 February 1913

Marguerite Behman.

'05 Genivieve Beavers has announced her engagement to Walter Earl.

'05 Mrs W. Grant (Margaret Commiskey) who has been visiting in Brooklyn, has returned to Texas.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

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ALPHA MU—UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

The Christmas holidays began early at Missouri this year, so it was December 19, the night before we all went home, that the chapter had its annual Christmas dinner and tree. Our president, Rosalee Dulaney, was toast-mistress, and toasts were given by Marjorie Potts, for the old girls, and Lavinia Peters for the pledges. Romaine Roach presided at the distribution of gifts from the tree. There were a great many jokes, and some real gifts. Among those for the chapter were an embroidered centerpiece from Marjorie Potts and her mother; a pair of crystal candlesticks from Mr. and Mrs. Wheeler; a baking dish from Nettie Humfeld and a basket jardinière from Bess Phillips and Efafe Brown.

During the holidays, the Secretary of the Young Women's Christian association held a house-party for those of the university girls who could not go home for Christmas. The Theta house was turned over to them, and they all report a most enjoyable time. When we returned after the holidays, we found a potted fern in a jardinière, as a gift from "the Christmas house-party."

We have also changed chaperons since Christmas. Lura Grigsby's mother now acts in that capacity. While we all regret deeply the loss of Miss Mason, we consider ourselves most fortunate to secure Mrs. Grigsby. To introduce our new chaperon, the chapter gave a reception soon after the holidays.

The chapter was most agreeably surprised recently by an unexpected visit from our Grand secretary, Miss Green. The only regret we have is that her time was so limited that she could not spare us several days longer.

We are now looking forward to two celebrations,—Founders'-day, and our chapter birthday. The latter comes after examinations,—

and as our pledges will have secured the required credit, we plan to have initiation, followed by the annual birthday banquet.

24 January 1913

Temple Kean

'14-ex Estelle Land expects to leave college second semester on account of her health.

'09 Elizabeth Spalding expects to go east in a few weeks, to remain over convention.

'14 Willma Scodie will return to college second semester. She has been out one semester on account of her health.

'10 Minnie Lee Noé expects to return next year, to pursue some special studies in the university, and to be chaperon at the chapter house.

All members of Alpha Mu extend loving sympathy to Louise Norton whose mother died in Los Angeles, Cal. Dec. 28, 1912.

'11-ex Married, Dec. 11, 1912, Mary Williams to T. F. Wheeler, Φ K Ψ. Address: Sallisaw, Okla.

'09 Mary Hise Norton is teaching and homesteading a claim at Gregory, S. Dak.

ALPHA NU—UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA

Since the last letter, a most astonishing change has occurred in our beautifully planned year of sophomore pledging. One week before Christmas vacation a petition was circulated among the various fraternities asking permission of the faculty to dispense with the sophomore rule and pledge immediately after vacation. Alpha Nu, of course, held to her Theta policy and refused to sign the petition; but such an overwhelming number of the other fraternity members desired it that the faculty acquiesced, Panhellenic set the date, and lo! sophomore pledging is a thing of the past. Alpha Nu now has five very fine, lovable freshmen pledged and is quite satisfied that the strain of rushing is at an end. Our Thetas-to-be are: Gladys McCarthy, Townsend, Montana; Donna McCall, Big Timber, Montana; Corrinne McDonald, Missoula, Montana; Alpha Buse, Polson, Montana; and Isabel Gilbert, Butte, Montana. We are glad to be assured, however, that while granting this petition the faculty resolved to recognize no similar petitions in the future and to make sophomore pledging permanent in Montana next year.

The past month has been a strangely disturbed one in Montana's educational circles. The old, old proposition of consolidating the numerous state institutions into one large university has again come up for

consideration. Our president, Doctor Craighead, strongly favors the plan, as do the faculty and the majority of students. The Montana agriculture college desires it and the State board of education is working faithfully for it. The political opponents of the plan, however, have succeeded in defeating it in the state legislature for the present.

Our celebration of Founders'-day this year is to be a matinée dance given on the Monday afternoon between semesters, since January 27 arrived in the midst of final examinations. The birthday of Kappa Alpha Theta will share the honors of the day with the pledges who are to be our special guests. The affair is to be informal and will include all students enrolled in the university, faculty members, patronesses and town friends of the chapter. It is to be given in the university gymnasium which will be decorated with pine boughs, jonquils, and Theta colors.

30 January 1913

Merle Kettlewell

ALPHA XI—UNIVERSITY OF OREGON

Early in the month of December the University dramatic club presented Dickins's *Dombey and Sons*. This was pronounced the cleverest production in the club's history. Two members of Alpha Xi were numbered in the cast.

On the evening of December 18, we had our annual Christmas tree and general good time. Many of our alumnae were present to enjoy the fun. About nine o'clock, the Kappa Sigma Santa Claus paid us a visit. He hung two large stockings over the mantle which contained humorous and appropriate gifts for each active member of Alpha Xi. Candy and nuts were also found in the stockings.

Christmas vacation proved to be an especially busy one for the girls who spent the holidays in Portland. With the help of Omega alumnae we gave a very successful luncheon at the Portland hotel on December 27. There were forty covers laid, with about fifteen guests. Corsage bouquets of violets were the favors.

A large reception was given at the Delta Delta Delta house by the Panhellenic association on the evening of January 10, in honor of the visiting Kappa Kappa Gammas who were here to install their

new chapter. The following afternoon and evening, the local Gamma Delta Gammas were initiated into Kappa Kappa Gamma. During the afternoon of January 11, the new chapter of Kappa received her friends at her chapter house.

Saturday afternoon, January 25, Mary DeBar '11, and Mrs. Camille Carroll Bovard, will entertain Alpha Xi at the DeBar residence.

We are looking forward eagerly to Founders'-day. Besides some real serious talks about Kappa Alpha Theta, the entertainment committee promise something highly amusing, although great secrecy is being shown in the preparations.

We are sorry to lose Lora Taylor, one of our freshmen, who will leave college in February because of the ill health of her mother. Next semester Frances Adams '14 and Elsie Bain '15 are expected back in college again.

24 January 1913

Marguerite Rankin

'12 Lucia Campbell has returned from her trip in California.

'11 Born to Mr and Mrs Joseph Knapp (Cornelia Pinkham) in Jan. a son.

'11 Mary DeBar and her mother have returned from a year's trip in Europe.

'12 Jane Knox visited us recently on her way to Eagle Point, Ore. where she will teach.

ALPHA OMICRON—UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA

Since the last chapter letter, Alpha Omicron has added ten names to her list of members. Initiation was held December 20, just the night before we left for the Christmas holidays. The Thursday before the recess, we gave our annual Christmas Open house, to the faculty, students, and friends of the university.

The gladness of our return was marred by the loss of two of our girls, Gladys Williams and Minnie Lee Burrus, who found it impossible to return this semester.

The mid-year election of the Young Women's Christian association resulted in the re-election of Virginia Talbot as vice-president, and the appointment of Ada May Eastland to the cabinet. Marian Brooks was elected vice-president of Philologian, a literary society composed of freshman and sophomore girls. Lorena Cruce and Mary Carmack McDougal have been recently voted in as Philologian

members. Helen Brooks has been added to the *Sooner* (annual) staff, the fourth Theta to be given a place in its membership.

A newly-made rule of the local Panhellenic provides that each fraternity shall ask two members from the other two fraternities to be its guests at dinner every other Wednesday. This plan is bringing us into a closer acquaintanceship with the girls of Delta Delta Delta and Pi Beta Phi.

But all the happenings of the past months seem to have faded into oblivion since Miss Green has been to see us. She was with us just five days, but they were days very precious to each girl, and we feel a sense of loss now that she has gone.

She came to us Monday, January 20. Tuesday night we gave a banquet in her honor at the home of Nina Bessant Owen (Mrs. Bennie). Luella Bretch presided as toast-mistress and the following toasts were given:

The old and the new.....Adelaide Loomis Parker
 Working for A O.....Daisy White Patrick, Psi
 Upperclassmen.....Helen Barrett
 Thetas in Missouri.....Bess Phillips, Alpha Mu
 The freshman point of view.....Marian Brooks
 Message from the Grand council.....L. Pearle Green

We were so glad to welcome a good number of our own and alumnae from other chapters, to share Miss Green's visit with us. Mrs. Daisy White Patrick of Psi, whom we have always considered a sort of chapter godmother surprised us with a lovely sandwich basket. Mrs. Marjorie Paxton Larimore also delighted us with a set of silver spoons engraved with K A Θ.

Thursday afternoon an Open house was held to meet Miss Green. The fraternity meetings called while she was here, were invaluable to us. May Melvin Brown (Mrs. Homer) was appointed chapter adviser. We feel that the past week has been indeed an history-making epoch for Alpha Omicron. Through Miss Green, who has brought us in such close touch with the fraternity movement, our Grand council, and Thetas everywhere, the sense of our national bond is quickened. We have experienced a new conception of chapter life as well as of our individual Thetahood.

27 January 1913

Ada May Eastland

Mrs Nell Robinson Milan a charter member, visited at the chapter house the first week in January.

'11 Eva Daves has been recently elected to a position in the McAlester high school.

'12-ex Ina Johnson and Phil C. Kidd of St. Louis were married Nov. 27 in Norman.

Alumnae here for the banquet were: '06 Mrs Adelaide Loomis Parker, '07 Yetta Alden, '10 Pearl Goodrich, '11 Mrs Marie Hunter McMurray, '11 Mrs Marjorie Paxton Larimore, '11 Mrs May Melvin Brown, '11-ex Mrs Nina Bessant Owen, '12 Frances Dorchester, '12 Merle Newby, '12 Mrs Isabel Heath Bozell, '12 Mabel Thacker, '12-ex Mrs Ina Johnson Kidd, '12-ex Edna Cash, '14-ex Mary Virgin, Mrs Daisy White Patrick, Psi, and Bess Phillips, Alpha Mu.

ALPHA PI—UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

Life at North Dakota is very calm and peaceful this year. The Junior Prom came and went with scarcely a ripple. Mid-year examinations are upon us, however, and this outward calm may be but a frail and treacherous covering of an otherwise tempestuous quaking.

There is no rushing of any kind and all thoughts of it are banished till spring term. However, we have an organization, the Dean's assistant council, composed of junior and senior girls, who act as advisers to the freshmen. Beginning with the second semester this organization assisted by the sophomores, is to give a series of parties for the freshman girls. Here, in a natural manner we are planning to know the new girls, and this will also give them an opportunity to know the upperclassmen.

On January 3 Phi Delta Theta granted a charter to the Varsity bachelor club. While we feel, of course, that the Bachelors are to be congratulated on making such a fraternity, we feel that the Phi Delta Theta is more to be congratulated on securing the Bachelors. They have a beautiful home upon the campus and are one of the strongest organizations in the university, having men prominent in every line of activity. They are to be installed after Lent.

We did not have our Founders'-day banquet on January 27 but are planning to have it the second week in February. On that day we will also initiate Minnie Markell, a junior. Founders'-day, however, was a day that will long be remembered by most of us.

We are sorry to lose Helen Barnes, one of our seniors, with this semester, but she will return next year to complete her work.

The university has been very fortunate in its guests for the past month. Doctor Steffanson, explorer and discoverer of the blonde Eskimo and a former student, spent a few days here. He gave a series of very interesting lectures, and also gave a very great impetus to debating and literary societies.

At present Miss Marguerite Curtis, of the *London daily mail and times*, is here. She has such a charming personality and "conversations", that she has greatly broadened the literary and social horizon at North Dakota.

I really must tell you of the freshman-sophomore party. Each year the two classes entertain each other. When it came time for the freshman party it was found that twenty-three freshmen were campused for breaking rules and could not be out of their rooms after 6:30 p. m. Nothing daunted, the freshmen gave their party in the gymnasium—dancing from three till six. And, to the envious upperclassmen looking on, it appeared "that a very enjoyable time was being had by all."

26 January 1913

Vera Kelsey

'08 Trissie Olson has resigned her position in the English department of the Fargo high schools and has accepted the position of Supervisor of English in the Ellendale science school.

'10 All the love and sympathy of Alpha Pi is extended to Maude Templeton for the death of her father, Judge C. F. Templeton, Jan. 3, 1913.

'10-ex Lottie Canham is spending the winter at Colorado Springs with her sister who is in ill health.

'11 Pearl Monroe came down from Langdon for Prom week.

'12 Annie McIlraith same in from Leeds for Prom night.

'12-ex Pauline Serumgard is spending the winter at Alamogordo, N. M.

ALPHA RHO—UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Since our last letter we have initiated seven splendid girls, and we are so pleased to have them sisters rather than only pledges. The new Thetas are Ada Chubbuck, Lelia Cumming, Mildred Elmore, Ethel Fleming, Winifred Michael, Mae Olston, and Anne Setbacken.

Our alumnæ entertained us, in honor of Founders'-day, at the home

of Mabel Perry Anderson, (Mrs. Carl). A lovely dinner was served, while the crowning feature of the occasion, was the presentation of a beautiful loving-cup by the alumnae. The cup is engraved with the date and givers, and bears the Theta coat-of-arms, upon the presentation of the cup Mrs. Anderson made a beautiful toast, particularly significant of our first celebration of Founders'-day, and we cannot thank our loyal alumnae enough, for this last token of their love. Other good toasts were given, and the occasion was certainly an enjoyable one.

Our Panhellenic party on January 13, was a success in every way. All guests were dressed as children, while swings, teeters, and other child games were arranged about the armory. The rather out-of-the-ordinary menu consisted of buns, ice cream cones, and stick candy.

Bonnie Beebe '13, has been chosen recently, president of the university dramatics, or *Mask and wig*. Florence Gray '13 has been elected president of the women's organization of the university, and Katharine Calahan '15 has been chosen for one of the principle parts in the annual sophomore play.

We join with our Theta sisters, in pleasure and congratulations over the advent of the little daughter, Mary Katharine, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Huffman.

30 January 1913

Florence Chaney.

'12 Vera Nicholson who is principal of the Ethan, S. D. high school this year, spent the week end of January 31 in Vermillion.

'12 Ada Meadows is spending the winter in travel through several of the Southern states.

OMICRON ALUMNAE—SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

Omicron alumnae chapter has been busy this year. Our first meeting was held at the home of our president, Mrs. F. W. B. Morris, formerly Alice E. Bartell of Kappa. At that meeting the work for the year was discussed, and it was decided, among other things, that our chapter should make rag runners for the halls in Alpha Lambda's chapter house.

Since that first meeting we have held a card party at the home of

Phoeb Mulliken Storey, Delta, the proceeds from which are to be spent for table linen for Alpha Lambda's table. We have sewed at each meeting, on the carpet rags for the hall runners, and have held a sale of food at one of our meetings, the money derived from the sale to be spent for the making of the rugs. Really we have had all sorts of fun tearing and sewing, and cooking our favorite dishes to sell to the other girls. Possibly the hostess extends a little blessing when she picks up the stray threads from her floors and rugs the day after our meeting.

Our last meeting, held January 24 at the home of Josephine Meissner Quigley, was in celebration of Founders'-day. Alpha Lambda chapter, together with its pledges, was invited. Despite the terrible rain storm nearly forty gathered together to wear our little black and gold bows, sing Theta songs, listen to a little talk, and congratulate ourselves and all good Thetas, and especially the Founders for the good work that Theta has done and is doing.

February 1 Alpha Lambda will hold initiation and the annual initiation and Founders'-day banquet. The members of Omicron alumnae are always included in this, and practically all will attend.

The time of meetings has been changed from Saturday afternoon to Friday afternoon. This plan is on trial, and if it proves inconvenient, we will return to our old plan. We have divided the chapter into groups for the purpose of entertaining. The chapter had become too large for convenient entertaining by one hostess, and those members who had very small homes or no homes at all were being deprived of the privilege of entertaining.

While our work may seem small, still we feel that we are doing something. This year the key-note has been good-fellowship, and our work has been chiefly for Alpha Lambda. We gain a great deal from the meetings and from our contact with one another.

29 January 1913

Josephine Meissner Quigley

PHI ALUMNAE—BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

On Saturday evening, February 1, Phi alumnae held a stunt party at Esther Smith's in honor of the college chapter, Alpha Delta.

On Monday, January 27, Phi alumnae entertained informally at a tea in honor of Founders'-day.

Emily Dunbar '08 and Katharine Lindsay '09 have just returned from Mifflinberg, Pennsylvania where they went to attend the wedding of Margaret Gutelius to Doctor Town of Philadelphia.

31 January 1913

PI ALUMNAE—TOPEKA, KANSAS

The alumnae number of Kappa Alpha Theta has surely been good for those of us who sometimes find the busy work of every day crowding to the wall the memories and enthusiasm of college life. An alumnae chapter made up largely of housewives, club women, teachers, and bachelor maids must have some definite aim and purpose to hold together women busy in such various ways. If we had a college chapter in Topeka to which we could play big sister the problem would be a simple one. We have talked over this matter at some of our recent meetings and something definite will be the outcome we are sure. But more than all we realize the fact that we have come to be very fond of one another and a genuine affection is a strong bond. As we meet at one another's homes our talk is not of pledges and rushees, of college stunts and athletics, but of various lines of women's work—social, philanthropic and civic. The recent extension of the suffrage to Kansas women has given an added impetus to our interest in public questions and the convening of the State Legislature with such vital issues before it as working hours and a minimum wage for women gives plenty of material for lively conversation. One of our members, Mrs. Scott Hopkins, is the president of the Women's Kansas Day club which is planning a very interesting celebration on January 29.

Miss Mary Barkley who has been our secretary since organization is spending the winter in San Diego. If Miss Barkley should decide to make her home there she would be greatly missed not only in Theta but in Topeka generally, for she has been the head of the English department in our large high school for years and is known as one of the most able teachers in Kansas.

ALPHA LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON

Although college work demands a large proportion of our time, we have been very busy during the last week with fraternity duties. The freshmen have been thoroughly trained to understand their relationship to college and fraternity; they have been duly instructed and examined for initiation.

We began with being proud and glad in our freshman pledges and now, after a semester's companionship with them, they have so endeared themselves to us, have so added to our college friendship and our fraternity life, we are prouder and gladder than ever to take them into Thetahood with us.

We are very much interested in the new examination system which Washington has adopted. It is a plan whereby the senior is examined upon every subject taken in his major branch, and also upon all subjects collateral to that major taken during his junior and senior years.

The annual celebration of Founders'-day was observed with Josephine Meissner Quigley, Delta, who entertained the college and alumnae chapters in her new home.

The rushing for next semester has been materially symplified by a rule of "Semester rush" which was passed by the last Panhellenic meeting. Alpha Lambda worked diligently for the measure and with a sense of satisfaction she feels that this is one step toward her ideal at sophomore pledge.

Next time we write we are going to introduce to you twelve new Thetas, twelve of Washingtons students embodying a cosmopolitan combination of virtues; cheeriness, fortitude, kindness, conscientiousness, sympathy, happiness, congeniality and love.

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Jessie M. Lewis.

Ruth de Pledge is graduated this semester. Feb. 1 she leaves for her home in Colfax, Wash. where she will teach the remainder of the year.

Esther Cline graduated and leaves on Feb. 14 for her home.

'12 Fay Wright Brokaw is visiting the chapter. Her home is The Meadows, Can.

'15 Marie Cahill was married to Park Brawley January 8.

Josephine Taylor Castle and Margaret Taylor Smith, came from their home in Bellingham, Wash. to attend the celebration of Founders'-day.

'12 Roxy Smith is now living in Portland, Ore.

IN MEMORIAM

GRACE LOOMIS

With the death of Grace Loomis on December 19, Psi chapter has lost a most loyal alumna. Though for many years a constant sufferer from that terrible disease, arthritis, her wonderful courage and cheerfulness were a constant inspiration to her many friends and acquaintances.

She entered college in '93 and was initiated into Kappa Alpha Theta that autumn. The rare qualities of her mind were apparent at once to all of the faculty under whom she worked but symptoms of her trouble had already begun to appear and she was unable to continue her college work with any regularity. Her great energy and determination forbade discouragement and she finally took her degree in 1901 not however at Wisconsin, but at Colorado college where she had gone on account of more favorable climatic conditions.

For the past ten years she had been in the hands of the best orthopedic physicians but they were unable to check the progress of the disease and she had gradually become completely crippled.

The remarkable character of her personality showed itself as the disease progressed, for in spite of increasing physical helplessness she not only retained her youthful cheerfulness but was constantly widening the bounds of her interests. All who knew her, or even only knew of her, felt the wonderful inspiration of her life, so that she has had a much broader sphere of usefulness than is given to many who are in perfect health.

GEORGIA GARDINER GANSSE

Kappa Alpha Theta will learn with sadness of the first sorrow within the circle of Alpha Pi in the sudden and untimely death of Georgia Gardiner Gansse. Her death followed a two days' illness of pneumonia, and learning this, we were tempted to ask: "Why should it be thus? Why should our beloved sister, so happy in her young wifehood and motherhood, be taken off so suddenly?" But we had to recall, that God's ways are not our ways.

Georgia Gardiner entered North Dakota in 1905 and through the four years was prominent and popular in her college work. Georgia was one of the small group, who first took up the movement of organizing Alpha Delta and who had the ideals, which after an earnest struggle, were later realized in Kappa Alpha Theta. She was always so loyal and her letters to us were filled with plans for Alpha Pi's welfare.

In June 1910, she was married to C. Stanley Ganssle of St. Thomas, N. D. and there was not a cloud in the horizon of their happiness. A circumstance which makes more than usually sad the death of our sister is the fact that she leaves twin babies, Richard Stanley and Grace Georgia, born ten months ago, who brought to her the fuller and sweeter experiences of a noble womanhood.

Selma L. Hassell, Alpha Pi

EXCHANGES

The first number of *Banta's Greek Exchange*, a new publication which promises to be of great interest to all Greeks, contains a particularly illuminating discussion of the present general fraternity situation by Mr. Walter B. Palmer, $\Phi \Delta \Theta$.

In an article entitled "Fraternities on the Defensive", Mr. Palmer traces the anti-fraternity sentiment and legislative action of the past and present and analysis the situation in a manner of special interest to Pi Beta Phis. He shows that many state legislatures have either already prohibited secret societies in the institutions controlled by the state or are now seeking to do so and that in other cases the governing boards of the colleges have carried out similar action independently. Scholarship, bad habits, and clannishness are among the various alleged reasons for this movement, but Mr. Palmer believes that the root of the matter lies in the fact that the colleges, especially the state universities, are growing very much faster than are the fraternities and that consequently an ever increasing body of student are not members. He points out that the agitation against fraternities seems to arise from the non-fraternity element in colleges and, later on, in the governing boards of the college or in the state legislatures.

The situation is rendered more acute by the inability or refusal on the part of the fraternities to recognize their danger or their responsibility. Increase and multiply is the only salvation says Mr. Palmer, and discusses the question from three points of view. First, that of the "barb". If there are benefits in fraternities, for undergraduate or alumnus, as loyal Greeks maintain, why

are they not open to all? The spirit of democracy in the country demands, at least, equal opportunity. There should be enough societies in every institution so that all who care to do so, might derive the benefits of association. Second, that of the national. When a chapter of a fraternity refuses to endorse nearby applicants, or when a fraternity feels that it is "big enough" it is not merely standing still—which Pi Phis have many times heard means really retrogression—but is endangering the whole fraternity system. Chapters must increase so that membership may increase in order that there may be enough fraternity men connected with undergraduate activities, with the governing boards of colleges and legislative committees to turn the rising tide of adverse sentiment. Mr. Palmer's last point is one which has been often brought up editorially in *THE ARROW*; it is that the small college, or private institution presents a field for expansion of equal value with the state universities. Pi Beta Phi has always upheld the small college as a desirable home for a chapter but Mr. Palmer gives a new reason for advocating extension therein: As private institutions they can not so easily be controlled by the state. "In this time of agitation there should be as many chapters as possible in each state and, if a fraternity insists on entering only the large state universities, there can be only one. The more fraternity men there are in any state the less effectual will be the opposition."—*Π Β Φ Arrow*.

The better fraternities move very slowly in the granting of charters and petitioners find that they have to wait sometimes for years, and patiently and persistently push their claims until success crowns their efforts, or they are convinced that they will be forever denied admission to the fraternity of their choice. Much of this inertia on the part of such fraternities is due to a false conservatism.

It has contributed largely to the rapid and it must be said successful growth of some of the younger fraternities whose members have wisely seized golden opportunities spurned by their slower rivals. This conservatism on the part of the older fraternities has resulted in a great increase in the number of local societies in institutions having large numbers of students and there is now opportunity for the organization of new fraternities by the formation of chapters at such institutions or in the combination of local fraternities.—*Baird's Manual, 7th Edition*.

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